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CATWAD

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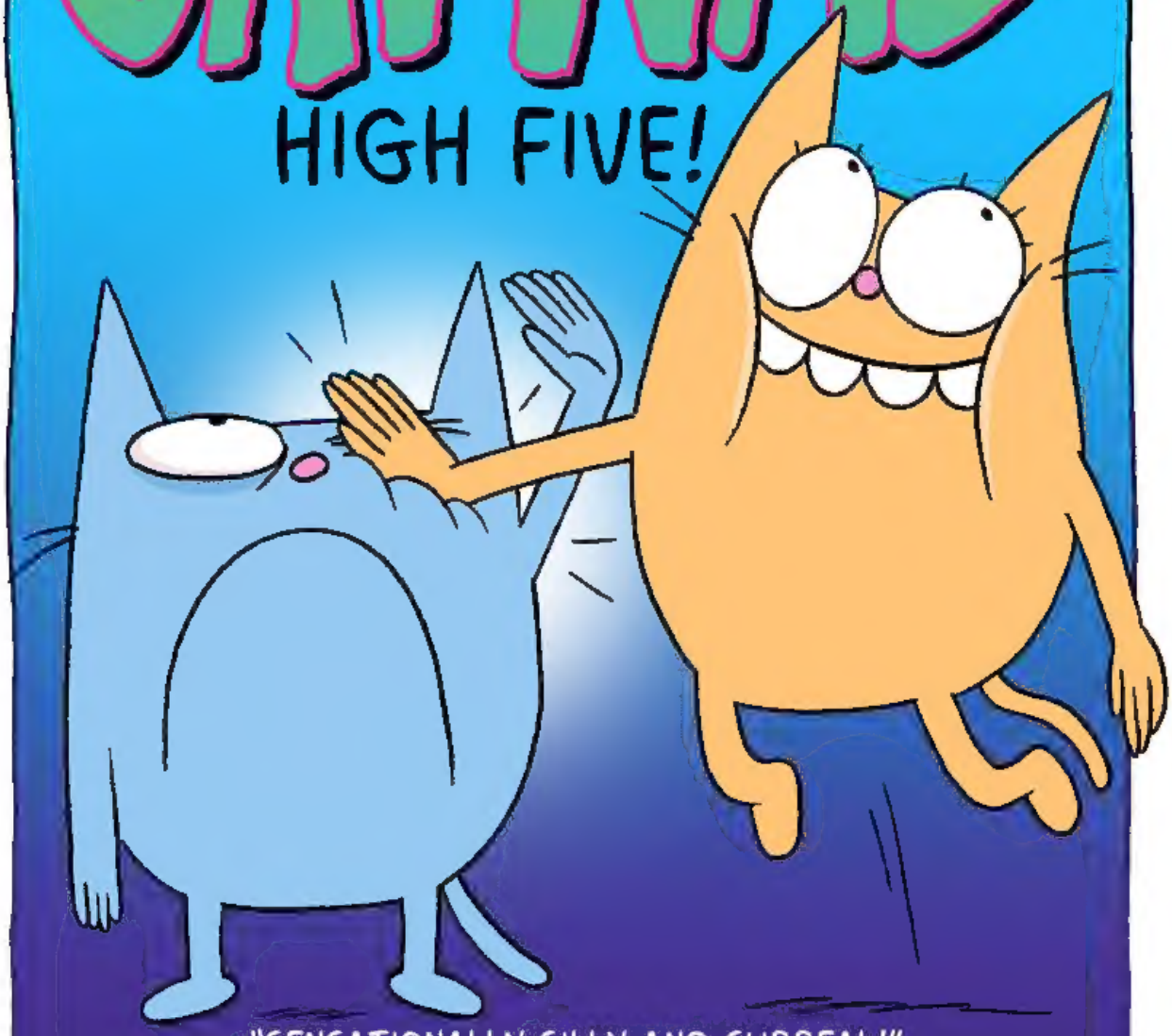

"SENSATIONALLY SILLY AND SURREAL!"
—DAV PILKEY, CREATOR OF DOG MAN

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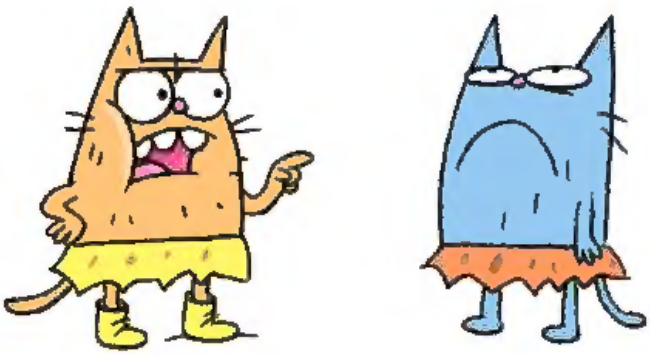
FOR KRISTEN LeCLERC.
I COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU.



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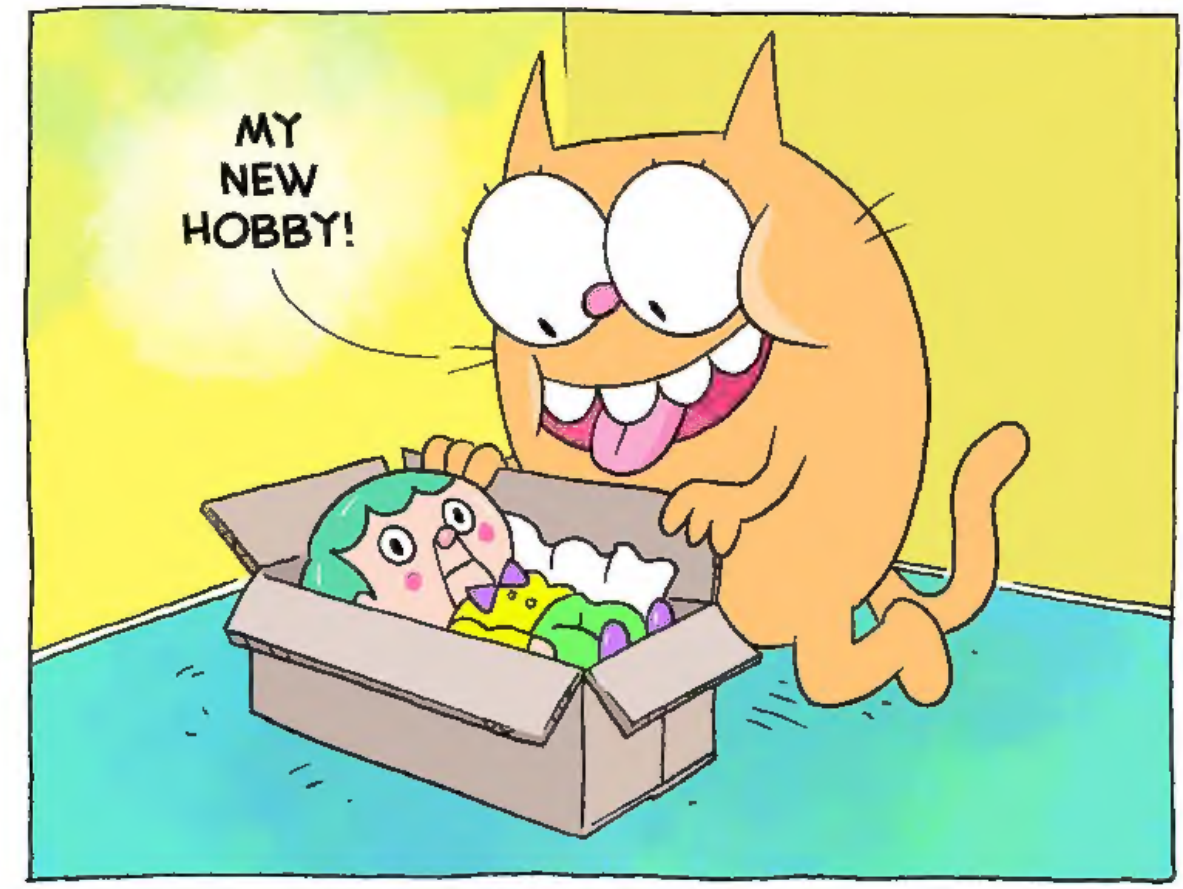
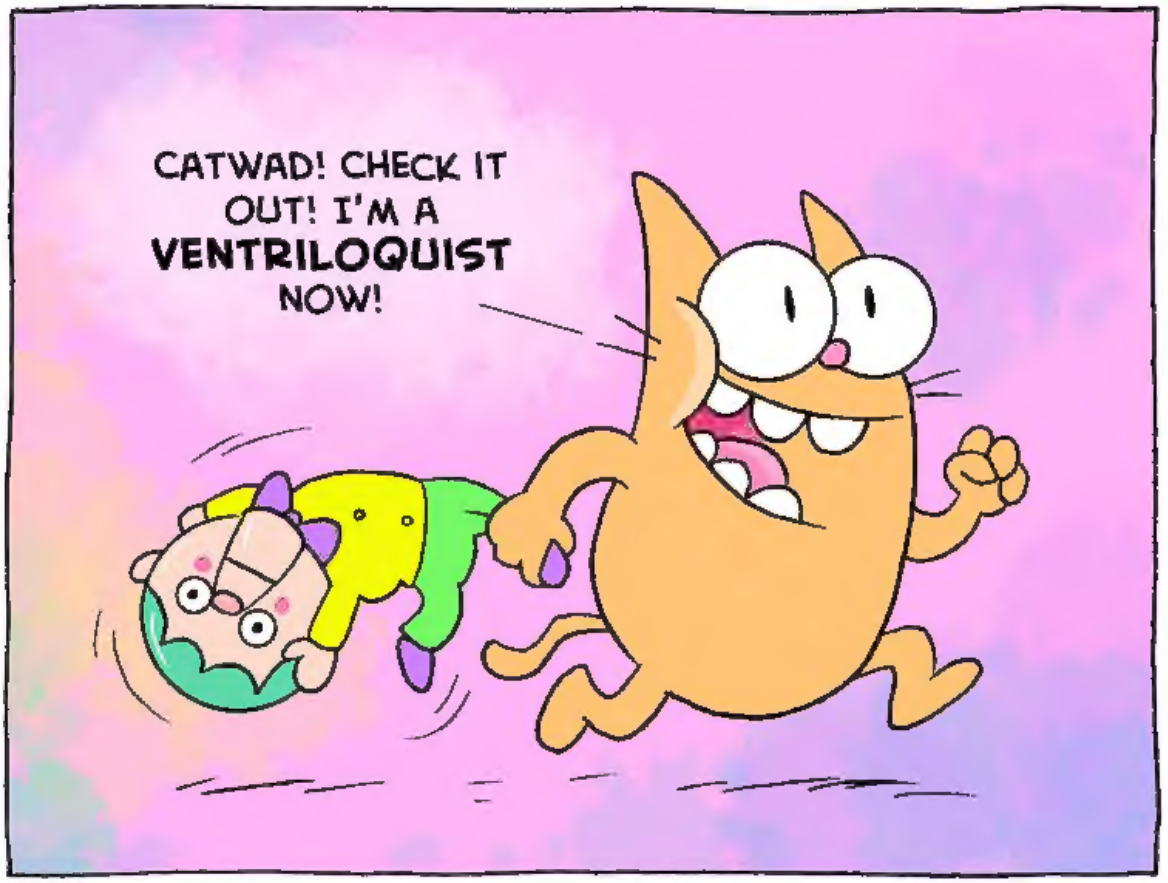
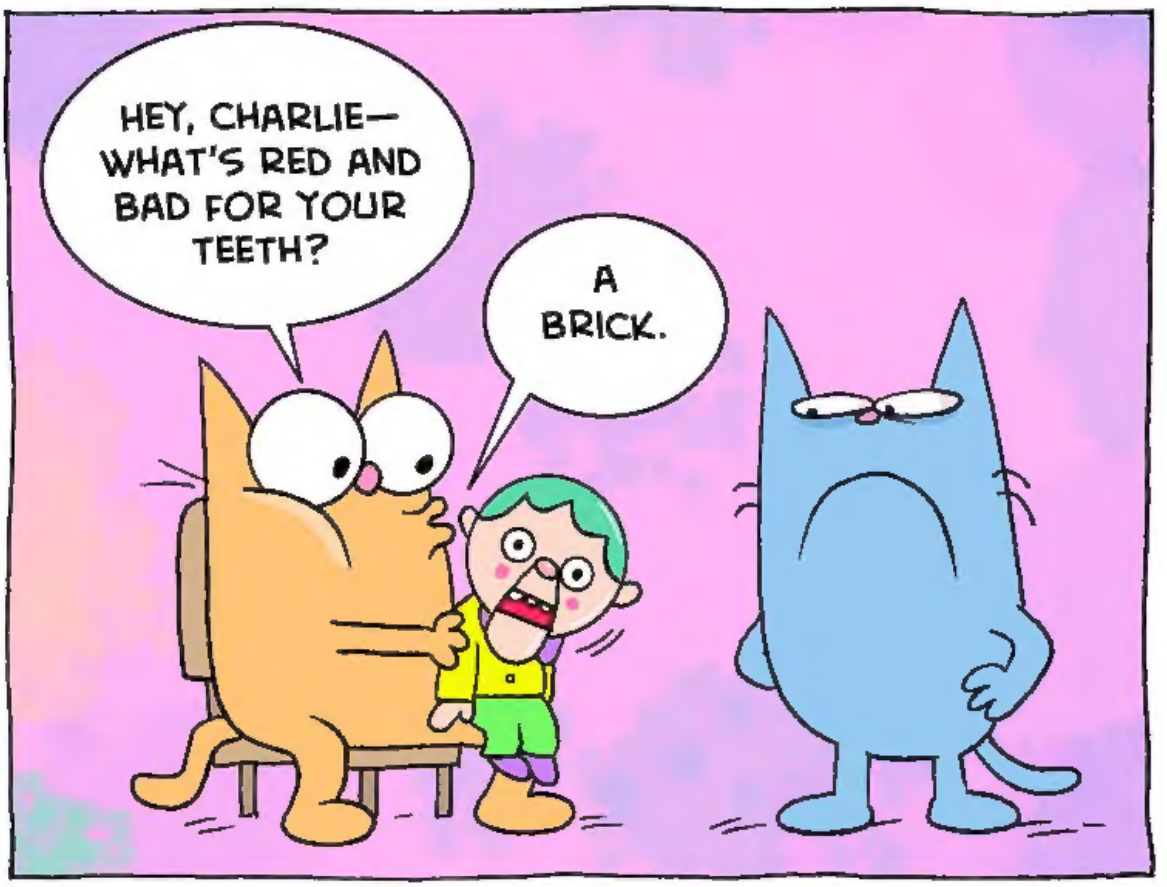
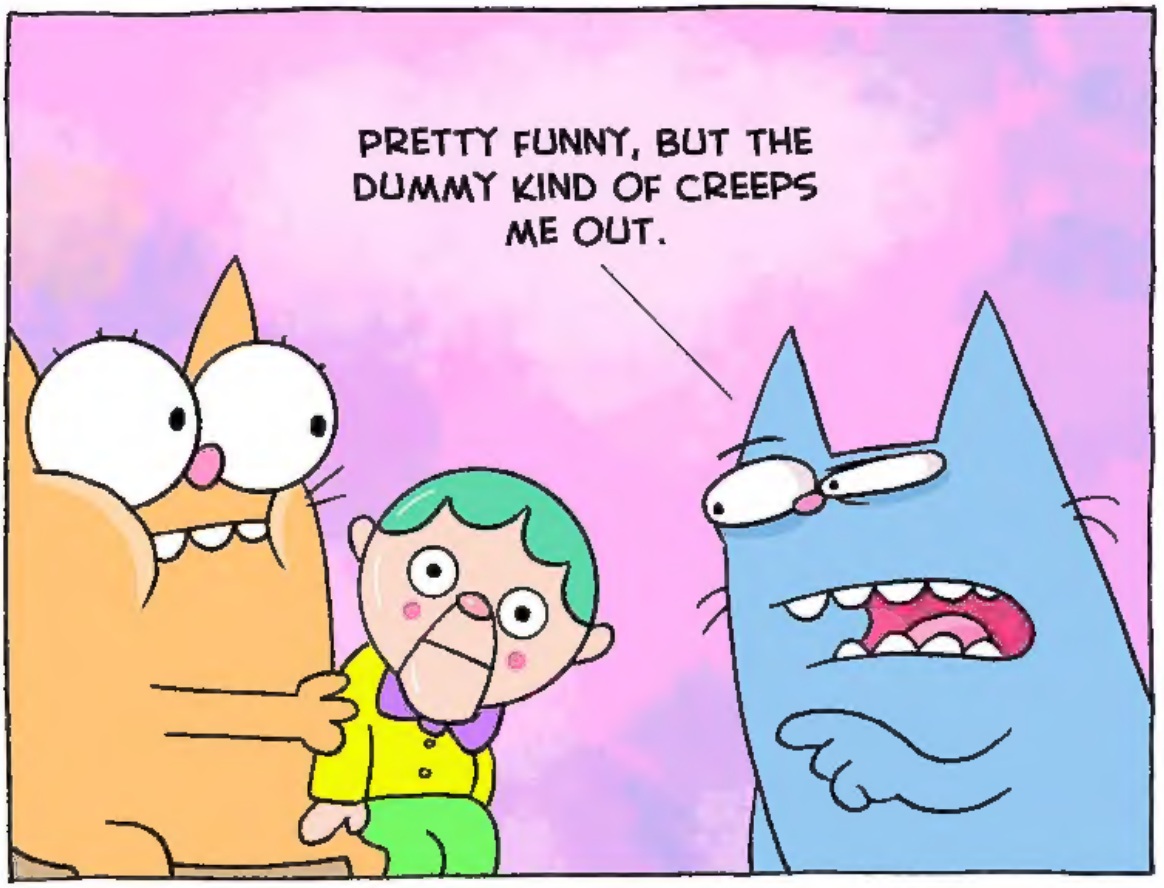

MY NEW HOBBY!

SQUEEEEALLL!


CATWAD! CHECK IT OUT! I'M A VENTRILOQUIST NOW!


HEY, CHARLIE— WHAT'S RED AND BAD FOR YOUR TEETH?
A BRICK.


PRETTY FUNNY, BUT THE DUMMY KIND OF CREEPS ME OUT.

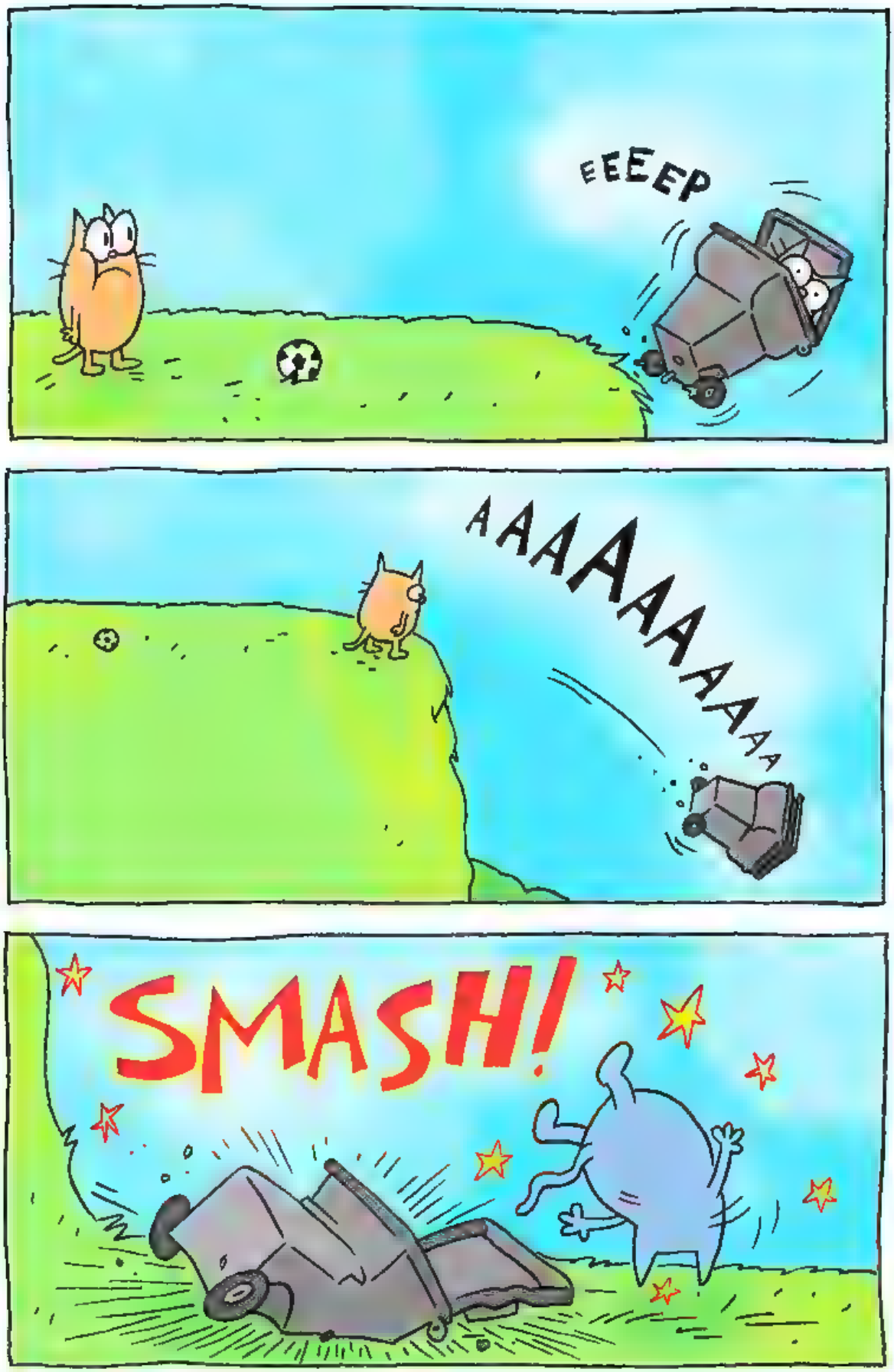
YEAH, ME TOO. BUT I CAN'T DO THE ACT ALONE.

SOCCER

I DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO LIKE SOCCER.
DON'T BE A BABY. YOU'LL LOVE IT.
TRY TO KICK IT INTO THE GOAL.
OKAY.
BOMP!

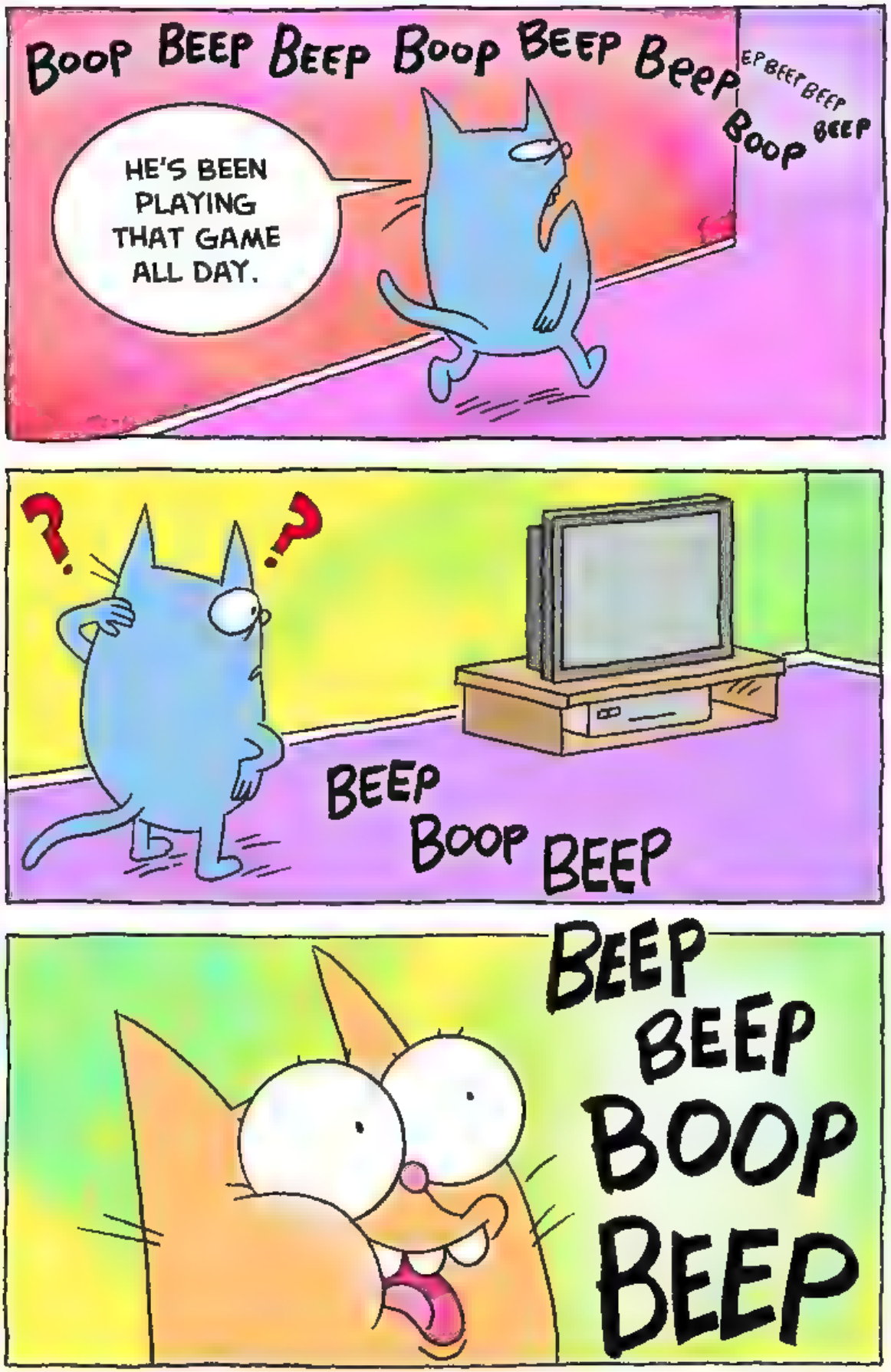
I DON'T LIKE THIS.
JUST TRY IT AGAIN. I'LL STAND BACK HERE.
BONK
BOMP!
I STILL DON'T LIKE IT.
HANG ON.

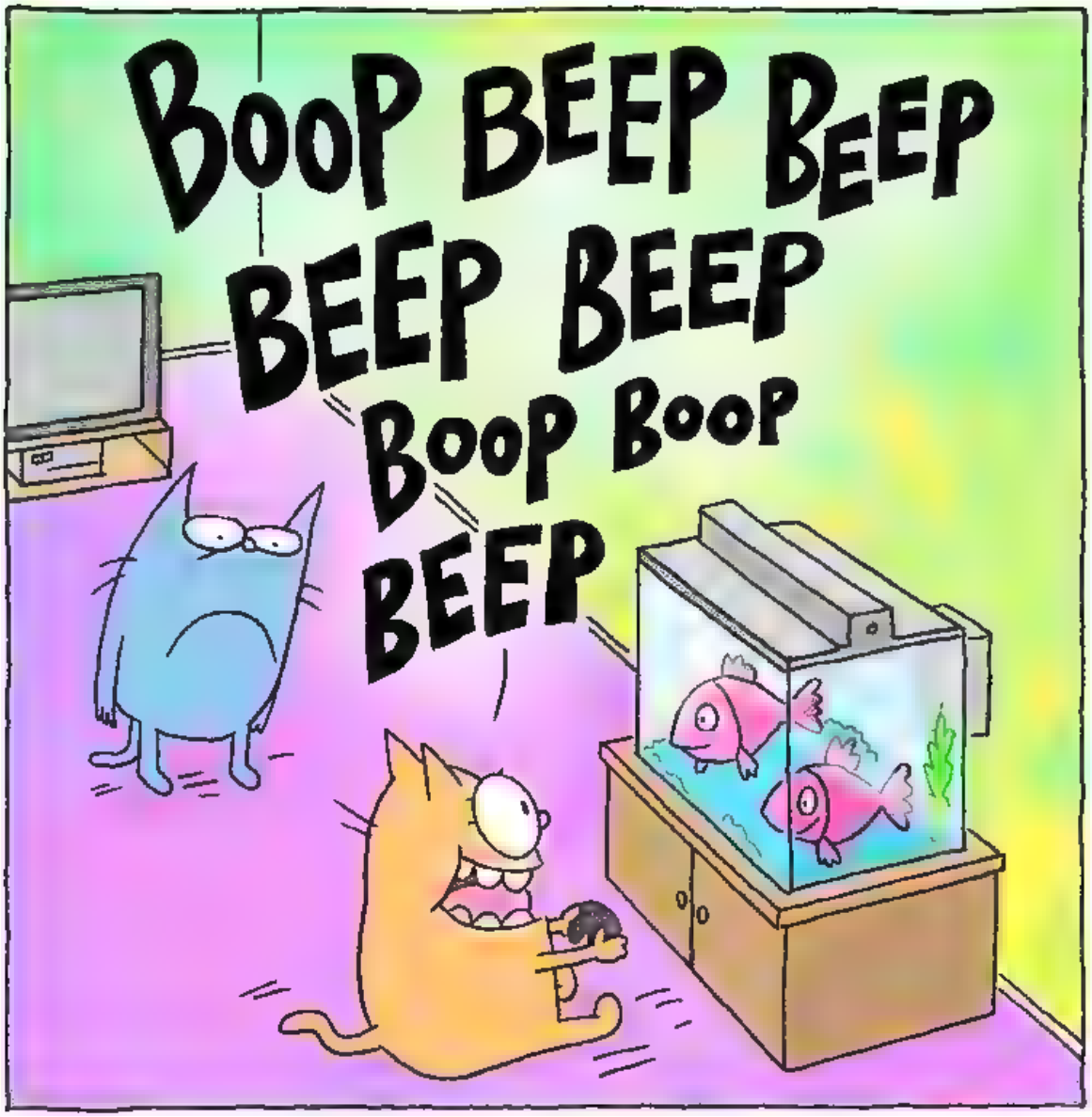
OKAY. TRY IT AGAIN.
BONK
THUD
HA! YOU MISSED ME!


EEEEP
AAAAAAAAA
SMASH!

CRASH!
BASH!
CATWAD! OH MY GOSH! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
YOU WERE RIGHT. I DO LOVE SOCCER.
THAT'S NICE

PLAT


BOOP BEEP BEEP BOOP BEEP BEEP
EP BEEP BEEP
BOOP
BEEP
HE'S BEEN PLAYING THAT GAME ALL DAY.
?
?
BEEP BOOP BEEP
BEEP BEEP BOOP BEEP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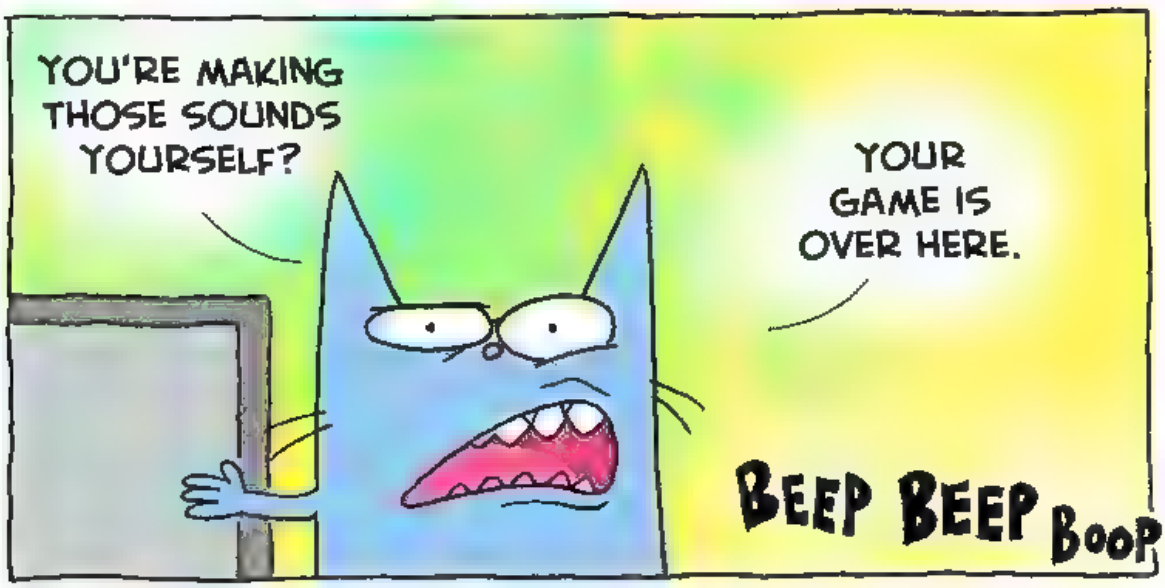
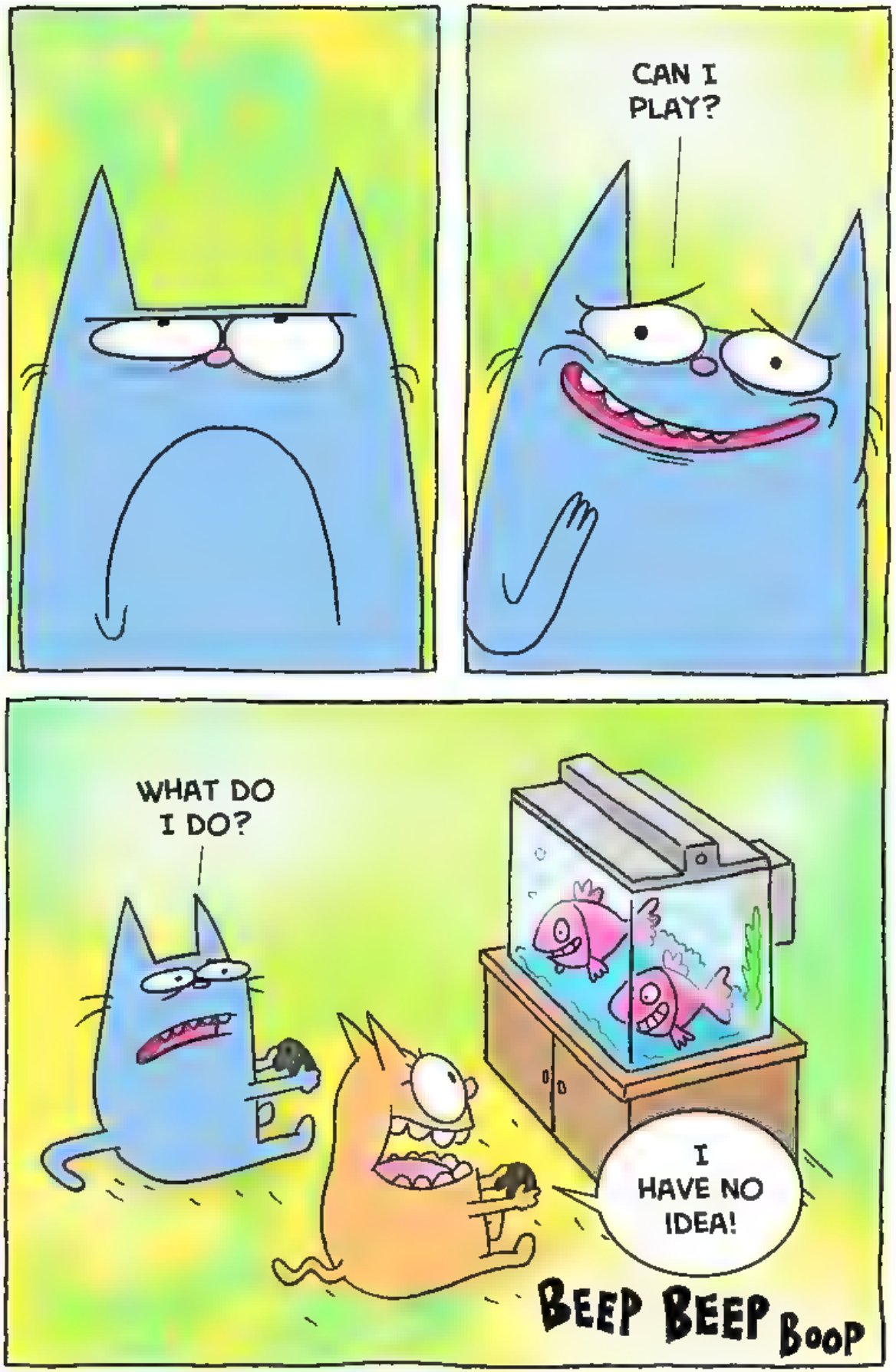
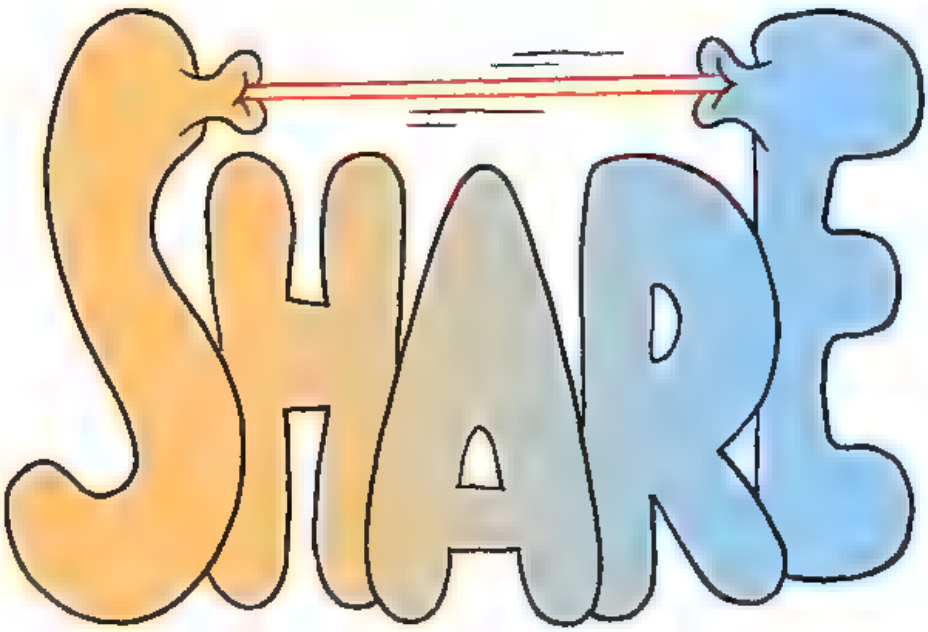
BEEP BEEP
BOOP BOOP
BEEP


YOU'RE MAKING THOSE SOUNDS YOURSELF?
YOUR GAME IS OVER HERE.
BEEP BEEP BOOP

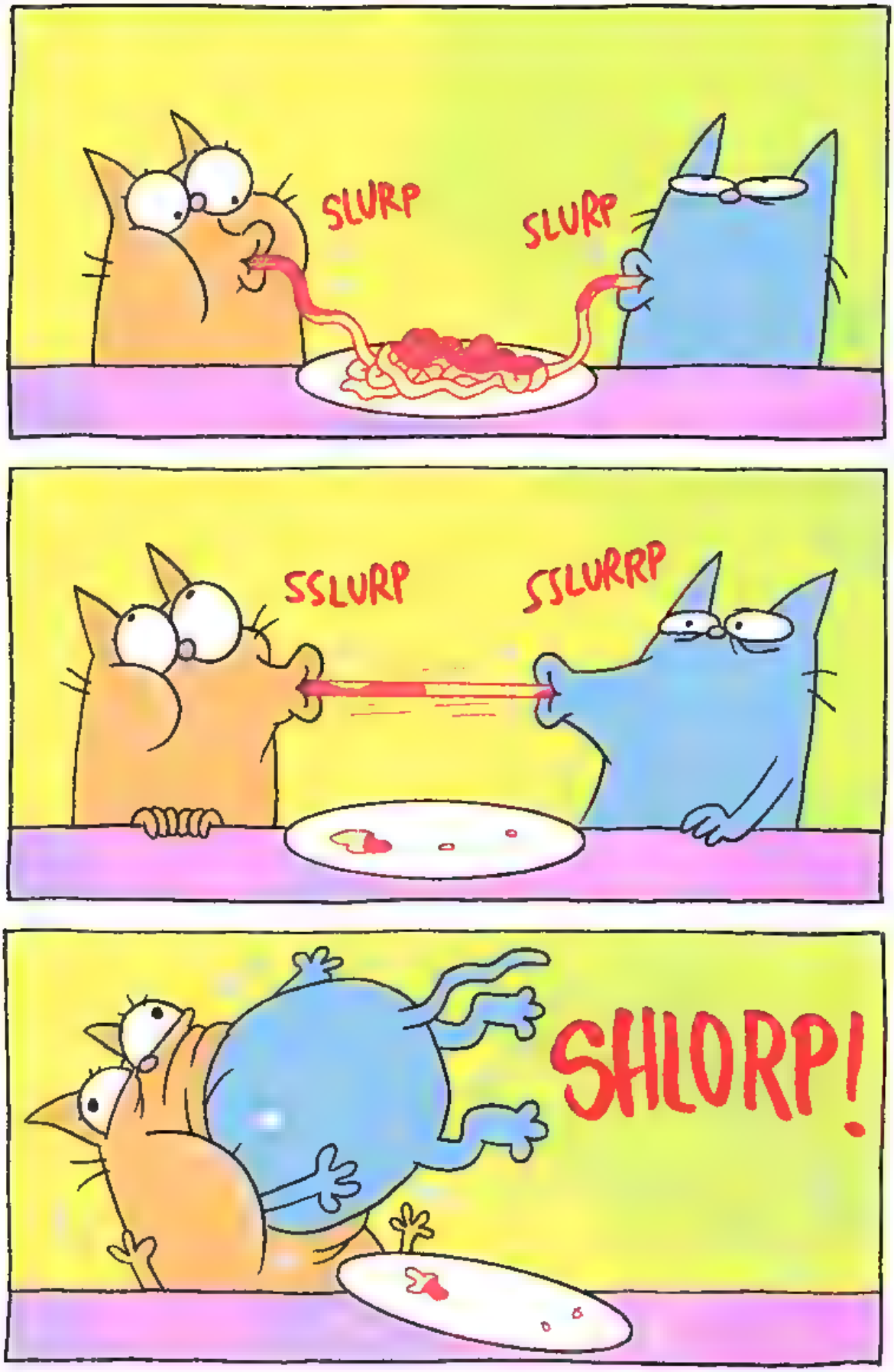
YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING THE AQUARIUM.
BEEP
BOOP
BEEP
I'M NOT...REALLY... PLAYING A GAME?
BEEP
BEEP
BOOP
BEEP

LEAVE HIM ALONE!
HE'S WINNING!
HIGH SCORE


CAN I PLAY?
WHAT DO I DO?
I HAVE NO IDEA!
BEEP BEEP BOOP

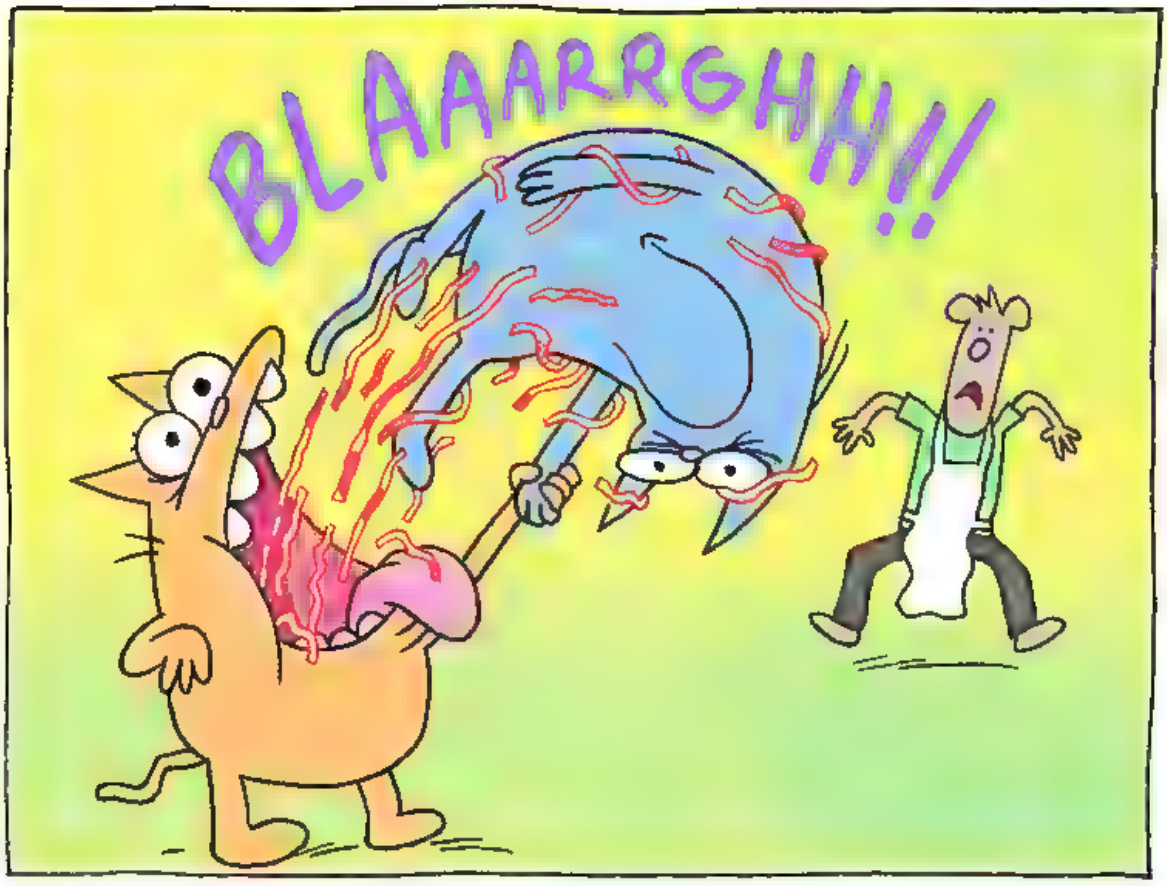

SHARE

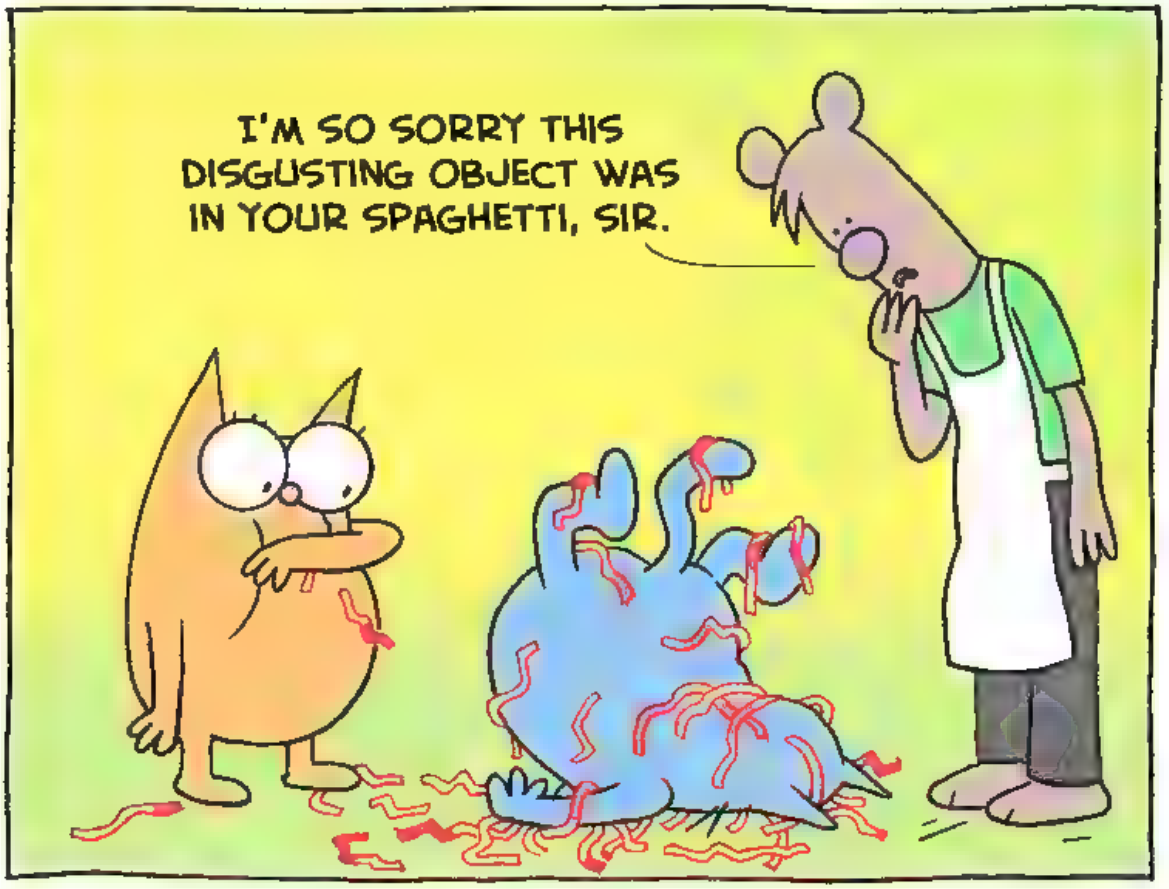
WOOOO-
HOOO!
SPAGHETTI!
WHERE'S
YOURS?
I WANT TO SHARE IT LIKE
THOSE DOGS IN THAT
MOVIE.
UGH.


SLURP
SLURP
SSLURP
SSLURRP
SHLORP!

YOU ATE ME!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
BARF ME UP!
HOW DO I DO THAT?
JUST REACH IN AND GRAB ME!
GURK GLUK

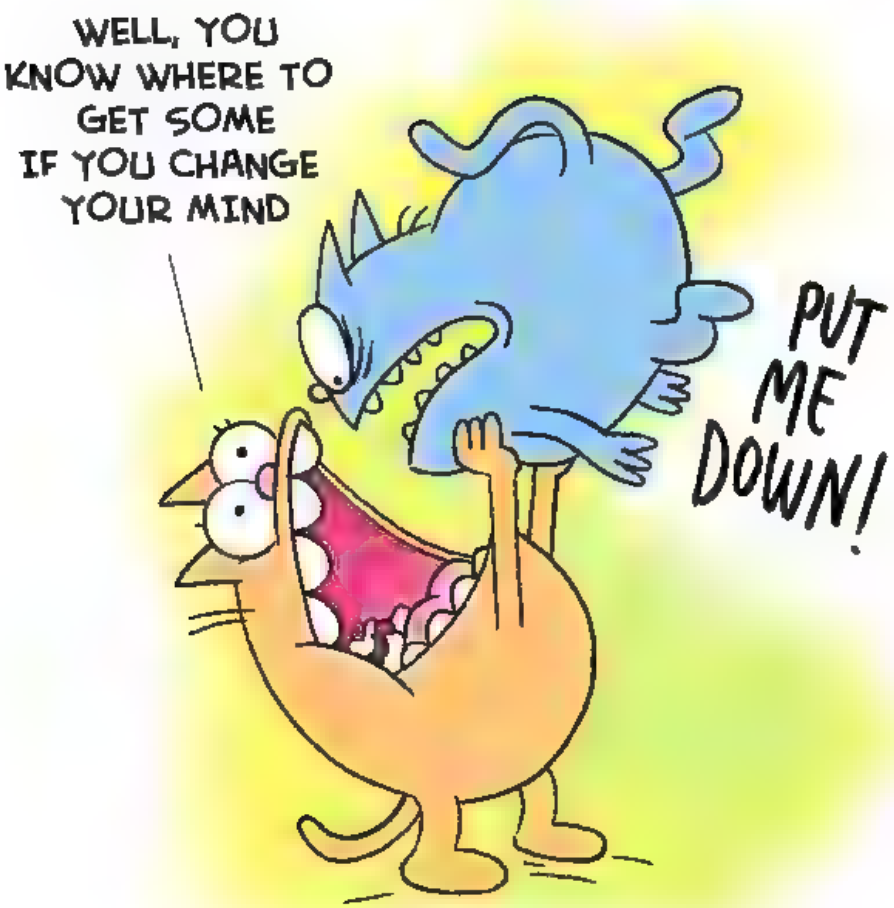
POKE!
OW!
SORRY, I'VE NEVER BARFED UP A FRIEND BEFORE.
GRAB MY HAND!
I'M BEING DIGESTED!
I GOT YOU!
PULL ME OUT!


BLAAARRGHH!!

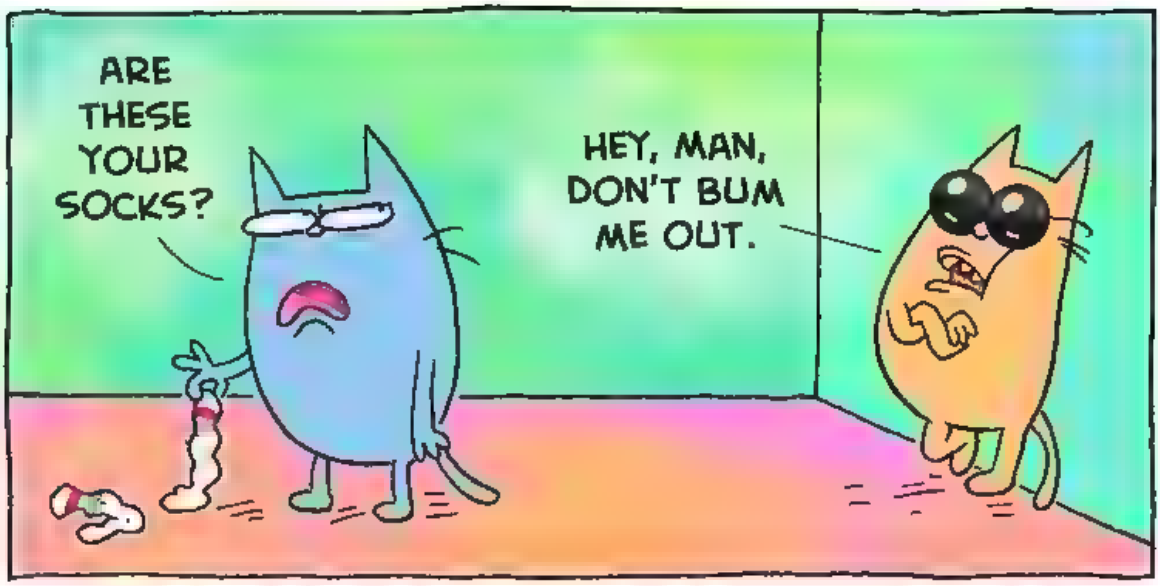

I'M SO SORRY THIS DISGUSTING OBJECT WAS IN YOUR SPAGHETTI, SIR.

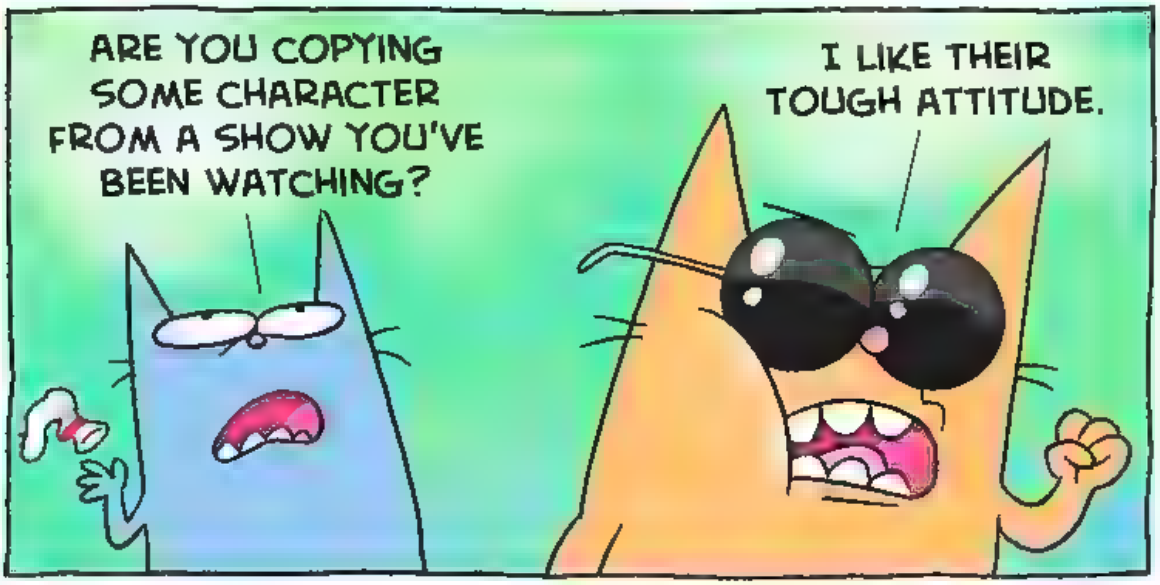
LET ME APOLOGIZE WITH A FREE DESSERT.

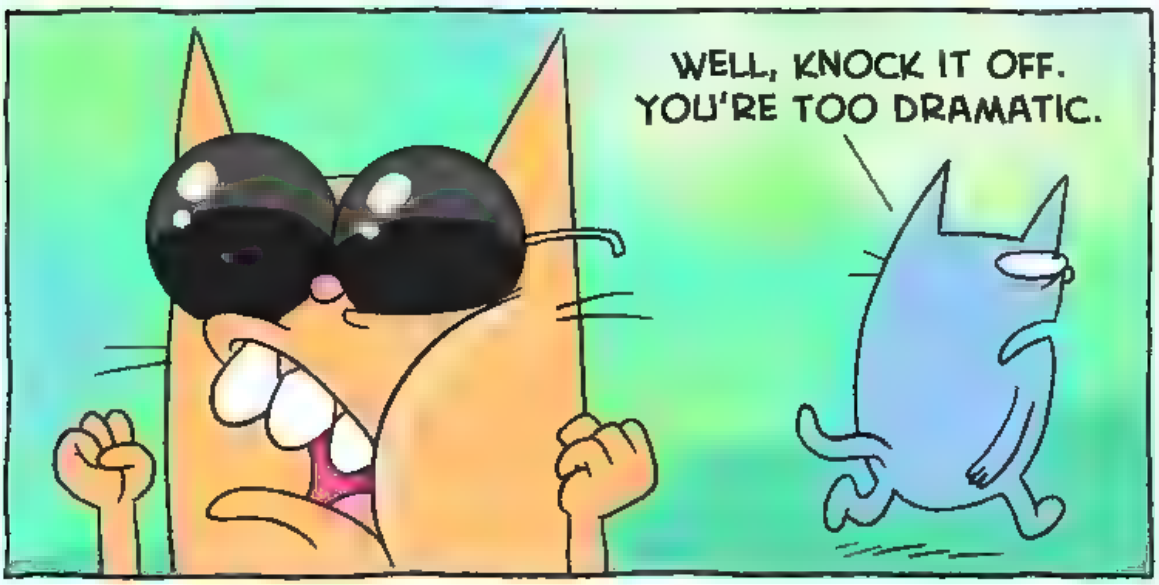
YOU WANT TO SHARE MY DESSERT, CATWAD?
NO THANKS. I KIND OF LOST MY APPETITE.


WELL, YOU KNOW WHERE TO GET SOME IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND
PUT ME DOWN!

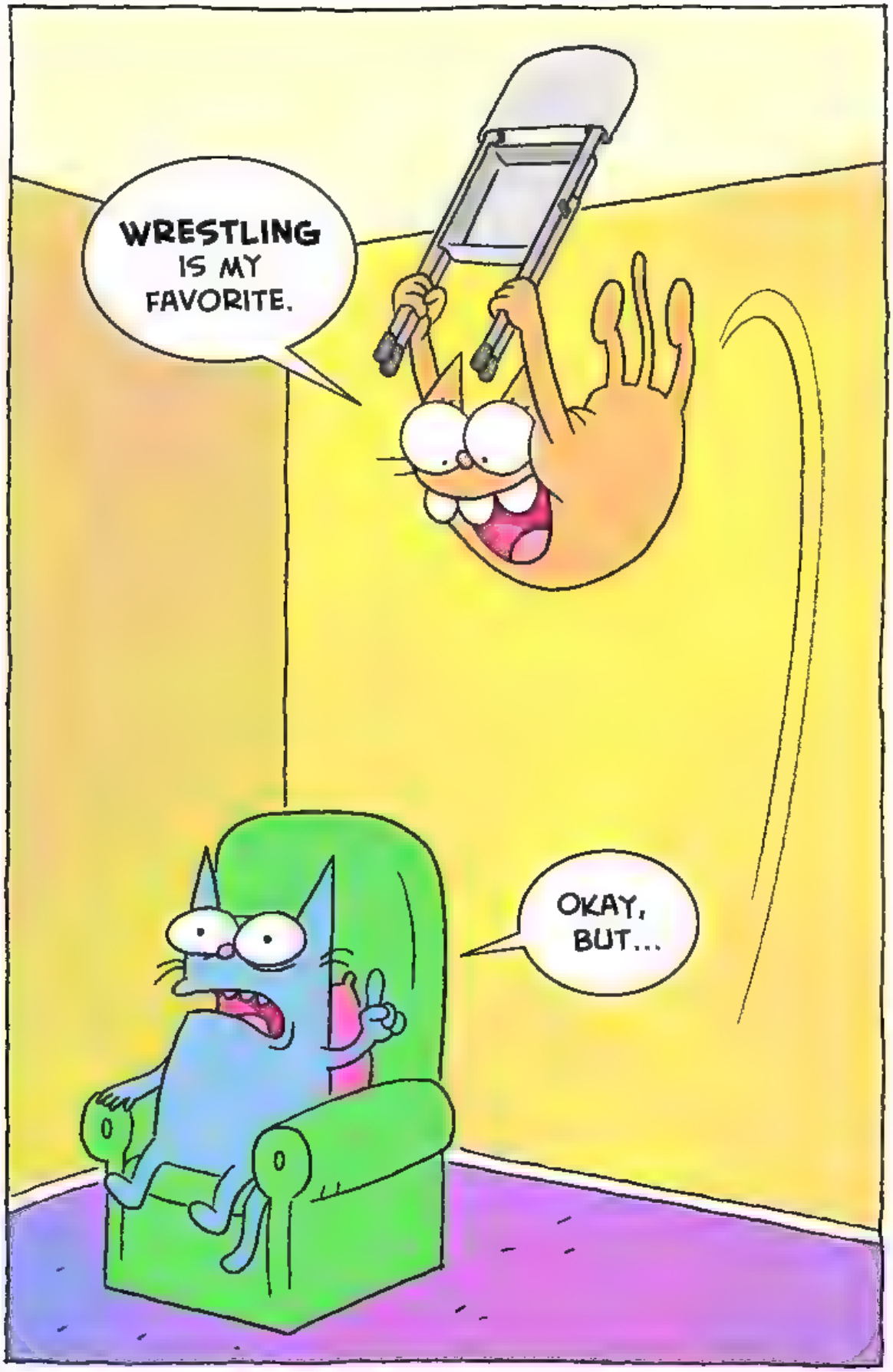
COPY
CAT


ARE THESE YOUR SOCKS?
HEY, MAN, DON'T BUM ME OUT.


ARE YOU COPYING SOME CHARACTER FROM A SHOW YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING?
I LIKE THEIR TOUGH ATTITUDE.


WELL, KNOCK IT OFF. YOU'RE TOO DRAMATIC.

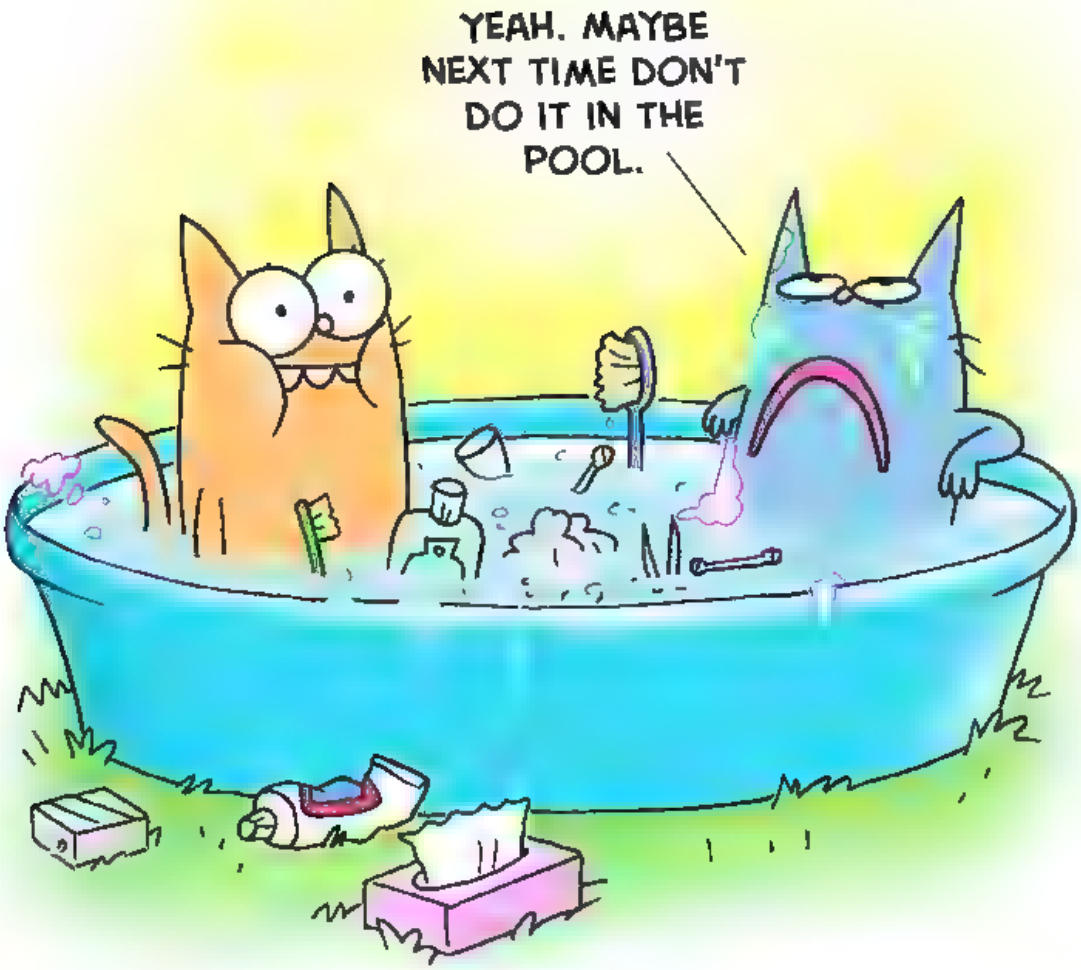
I'M NOT DRAMATIC!
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN WATCH INSTEAD?
I LIKE TO WATCH SPORTS.
THAT'S FINE.


WRESTLING IS MY FAVORITE.
OKAY, BUT...

FRESH!

SSHUK
SSHUK
HONNK!

SWIP SWIP
GSSSIP
MOUTH WASH
SPLOSH!
WOW!
IT FEELS GREAT TO GET ALL CLEAN AND FRESH!

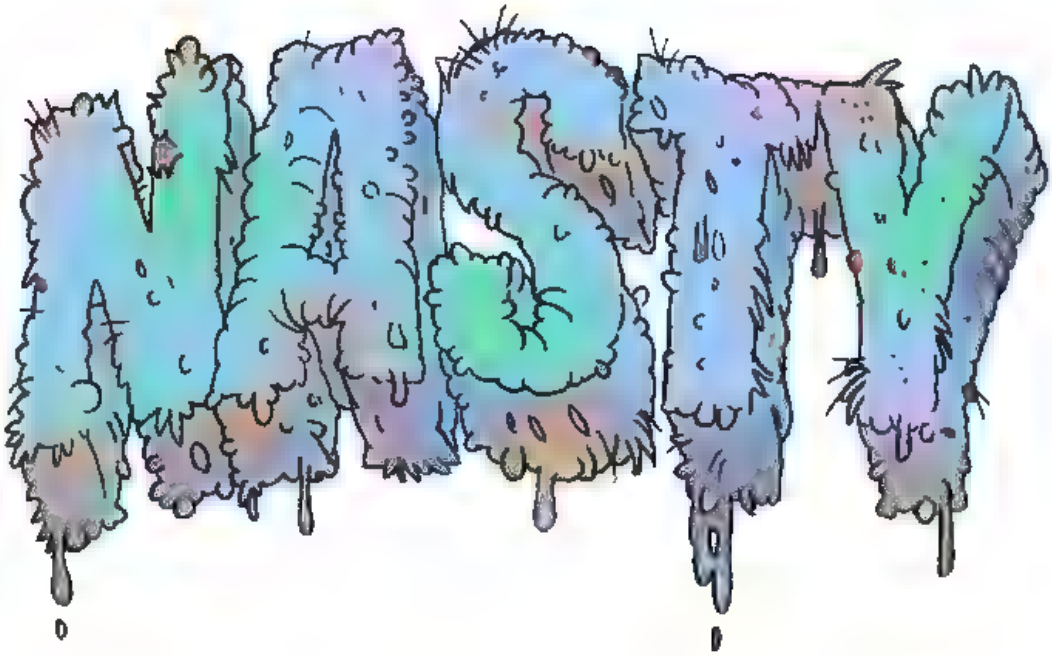

YEAH. MAYBE NEXT TIME DON'T DO IT IN THE POOL.

MIRROR

UGH, I LOOK TERRIBLE.
THAT'S PRETTY RUDE.
YOU'RE MY REFLECTION. I CAN SAY WHATEVER I WANT.
YOU SHOULD BE NICER.

OH YEAH? WELL, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT IF I'M NOT?
HOW'S THIS?
HEY, TURN AROUND.
NOPE. THIS IS YOUR REFLECTION FROM NOW ON.

I DON'T WANT TO LOOK AT MY BUTT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
WILL YOU BE NICER TO ME?
YES.
PROVE IT.
YOU HAVE A NICE SMILE.
WAS THAT SO HARD?
HARDER THAN YOU CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE.

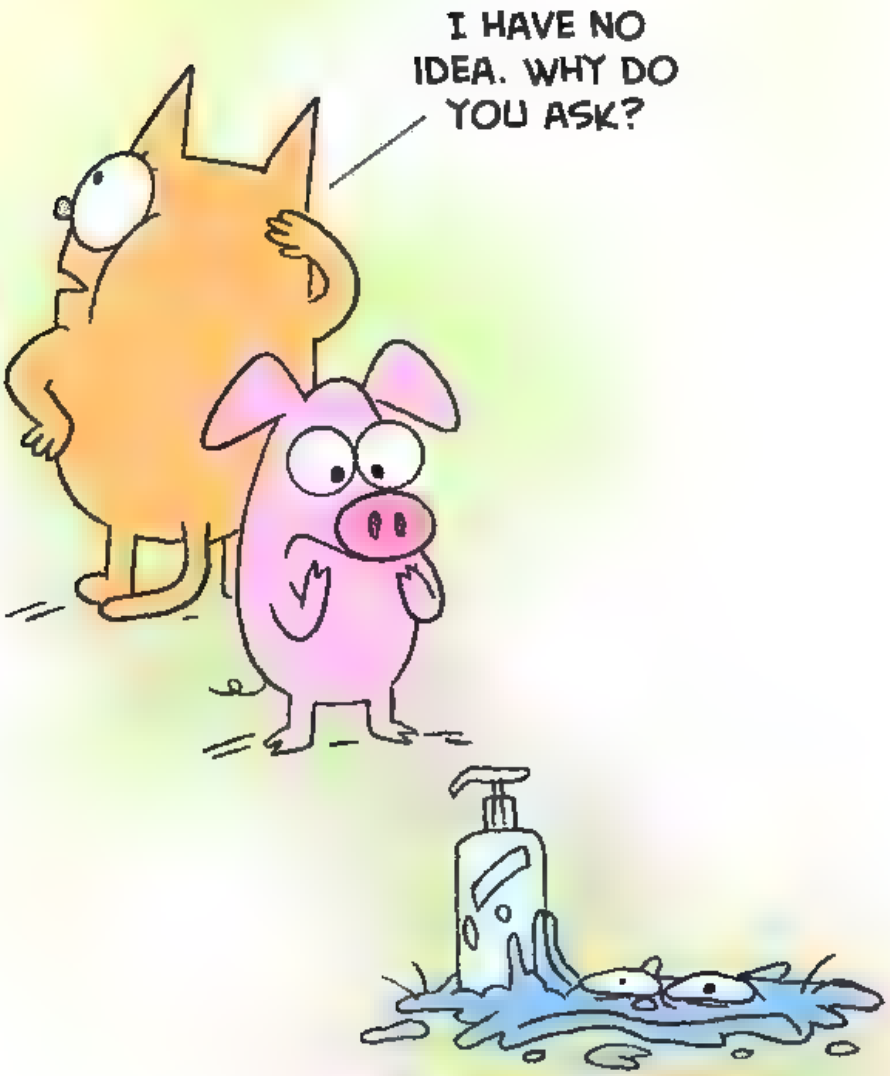

MISM

WHAT'S GOING ON?
WE'RE USING HAND SANITIZER. YOU WANT SOME?
WHAT'S IT SUPPOSED TO DO?
IT GETS RID OF ALL THE NASTY STUFF.

MAYBE I SHOULD USE A LITTLE BIT MORE.
THAT'S PROBABLY NOT A GOOD IDEA...

BLURMP, DID YOU SAY THAT STUFF GETS RID OF ALL THE NASTY STUFF?
YES.

WELL, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU SQUIRTED IT ON SOMETHING THAT IS MOSTLY NASTY?


I HAVE NO IDEA. WHY DO YOU ASK?

Gooey

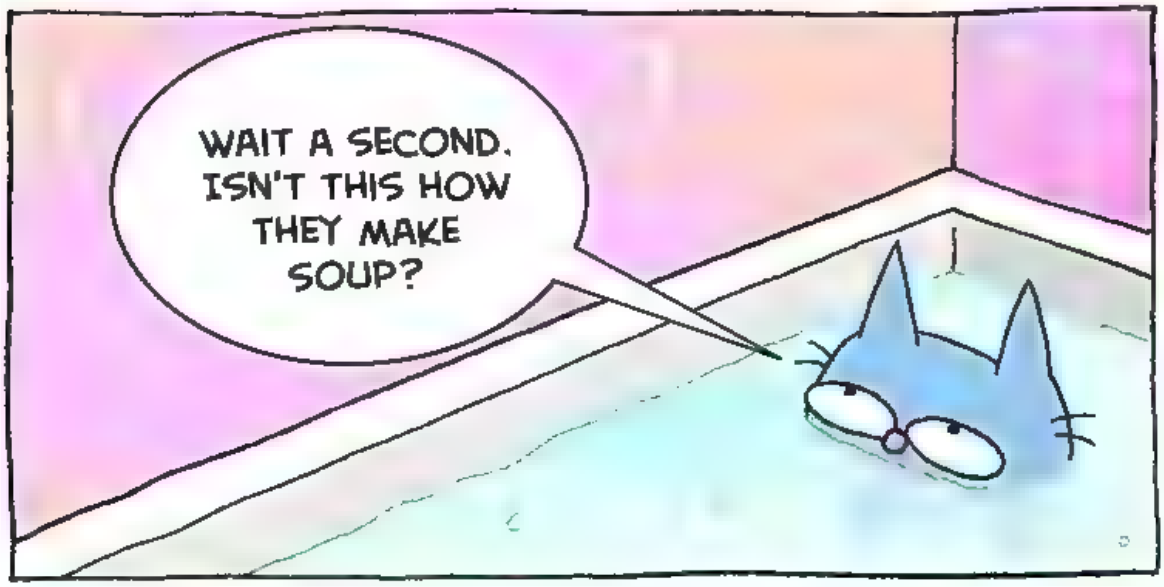
YUCK.
I AM SO DISGUSTING!
I'M TOTALLY GOOEY, MAN.

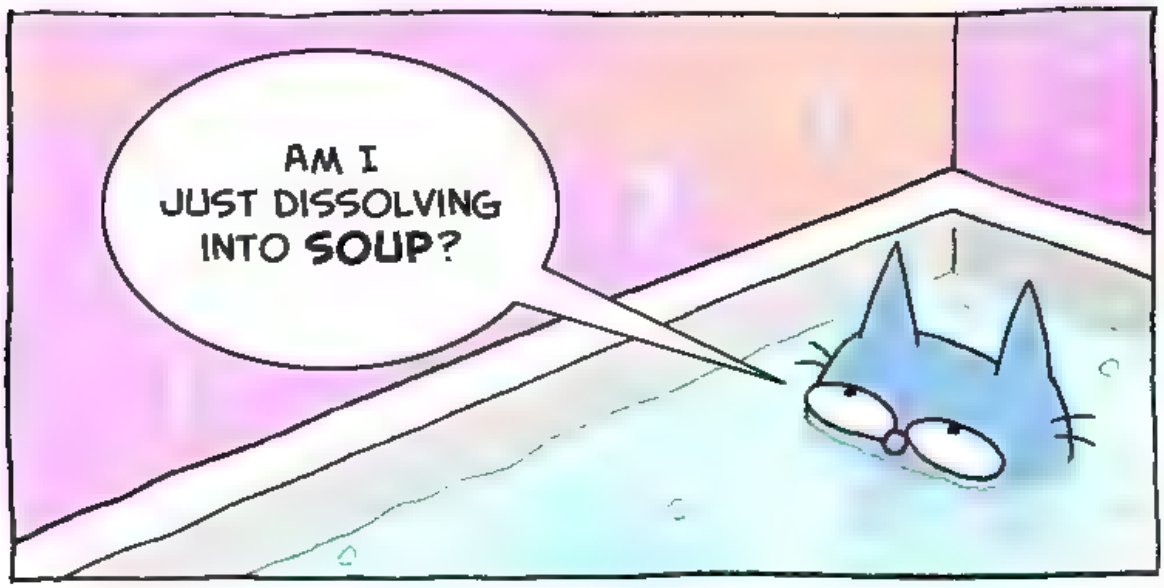
EVERYBODY THINKS I'M GROSS.
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GROSS.
REALLY?
WHO SAID THAT?
ME.
NAB!

WHEEEEEEE!
AWWW! LOOK! HE MADE A FRIEND!
YEAH, AND I BET HER KIDS LOVE HIM, TOO.

BATH

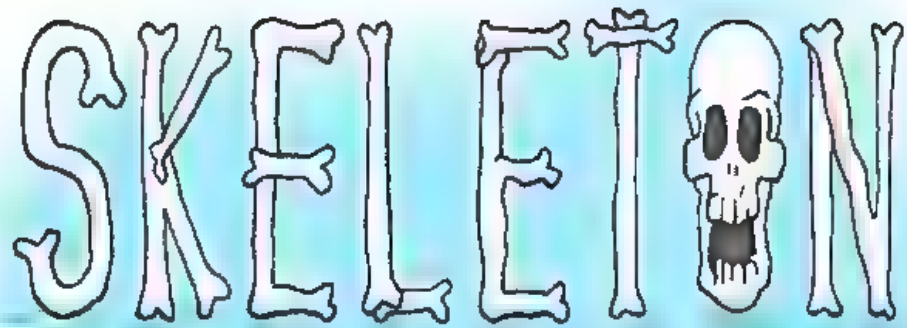
OH MAN, THIS BATH IS **REALLY** HOT.


WAIT A SECOND. ISN'T THIS HOW THEY MAKE SOUP?

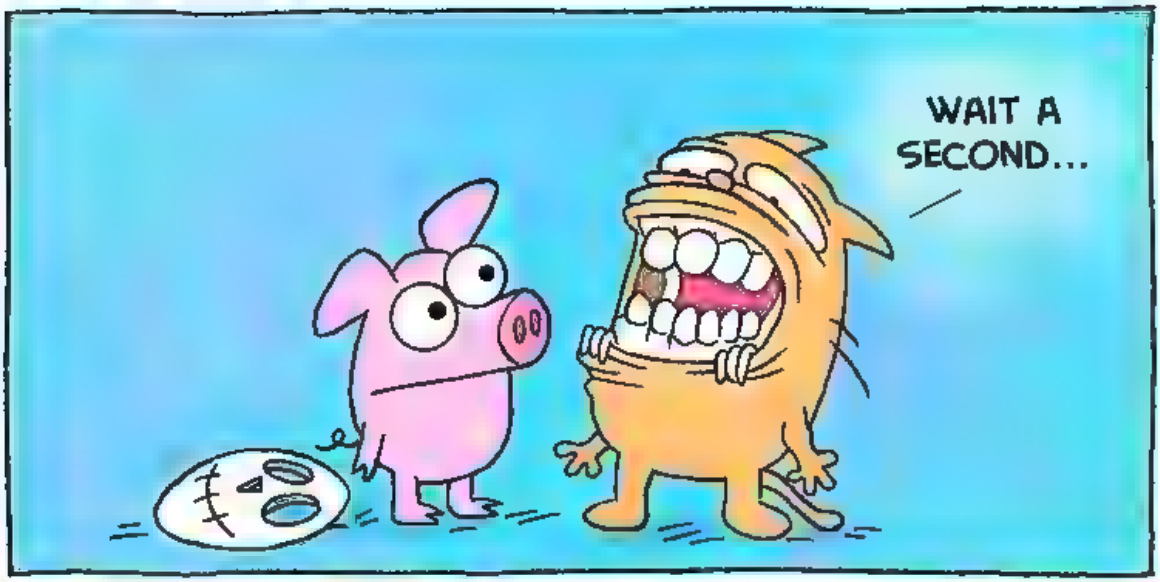

AM I JUST DISSOLVING INTO **SOUP**?

SIIIIP
I WAS JUST KIDDING.
I KNOW.

I'M NOT REALLY SOUP.
I SAID I KNOW.


SKELETON

HEY, BLURMP, DO YOU LIKE MY MASK?
NO! SKELETONS ARE SCARY!
BUT YOU HAVE A SKELETON LIVING INSIDE YOU!
INSIDE ME?
EEEEEEEE!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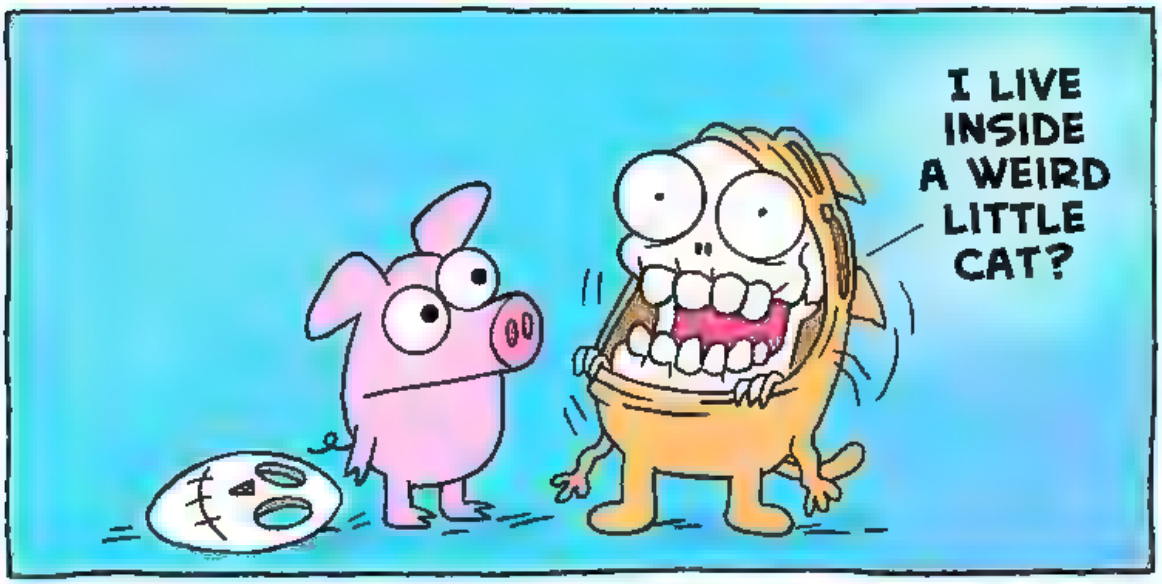
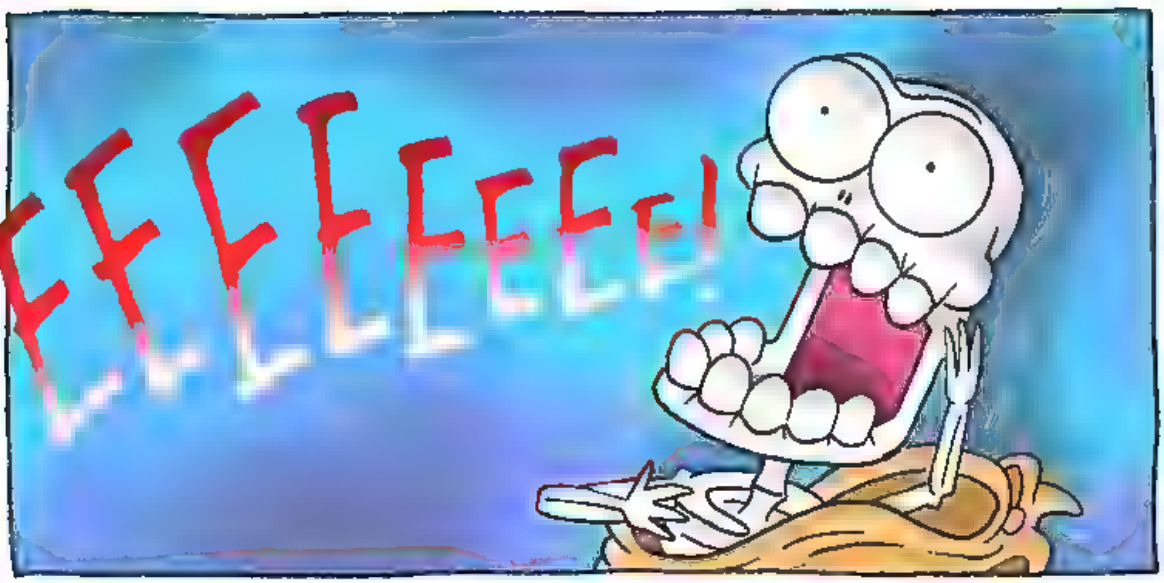
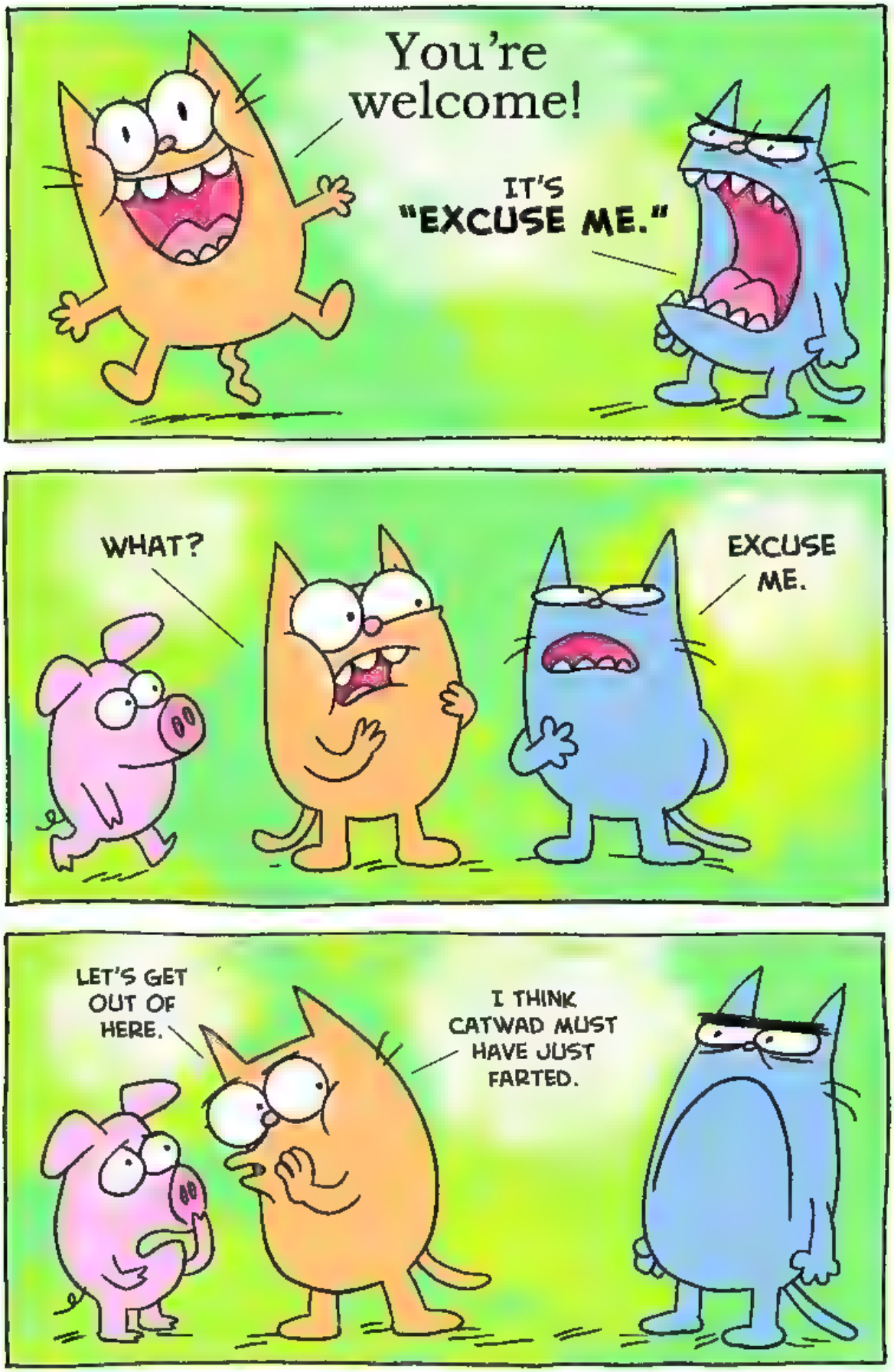

I LIVE INSIDE A WEIRD LITTLE CAT?


EEEEEEEE!

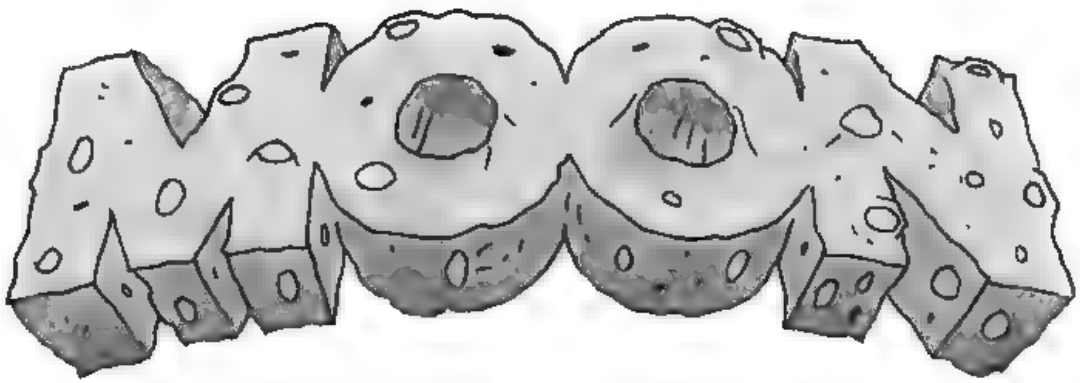
WHAT ARE YOU SMILING AT?
I'M JUST GLAD I HAVE TWO BEST FRIENDS NOW!

POLITE

BURP!
BLURMP!
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
Please.
NO.
OH! I KNOW!
Thank you.
TRY AGAIN.


You're welcome!
IT'S "EXCUSE ME."
WHAT?
EXCUSE ME.
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
I THINK CATWAD MUST HAVE JUST FARTED.

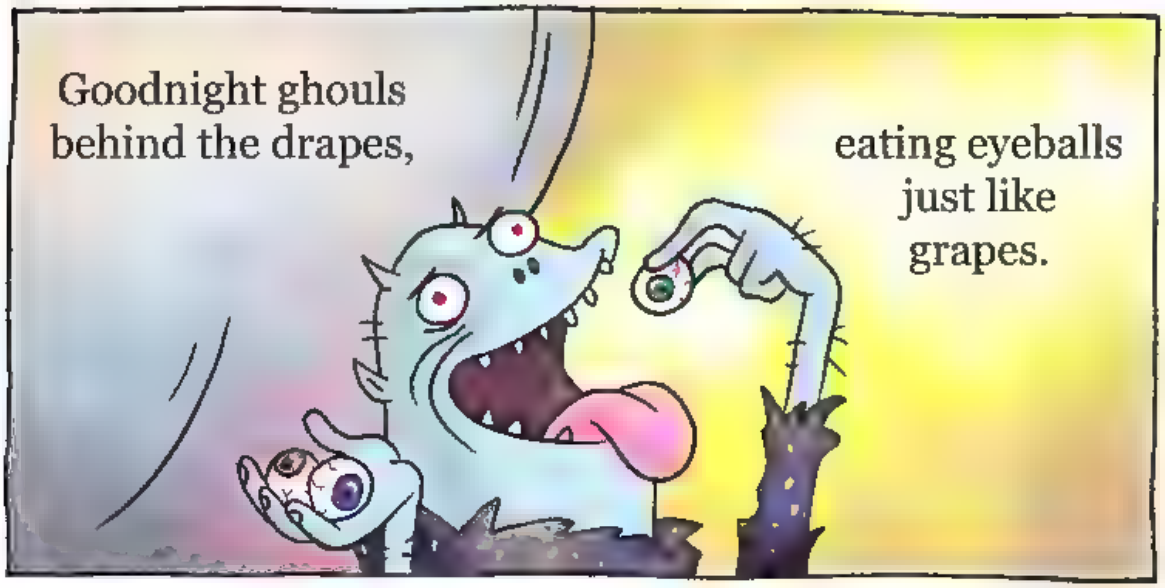
IT WAS NICE OF YOU TO WHISPER THAT.
WELL, I LIKE TO BE POLITE.



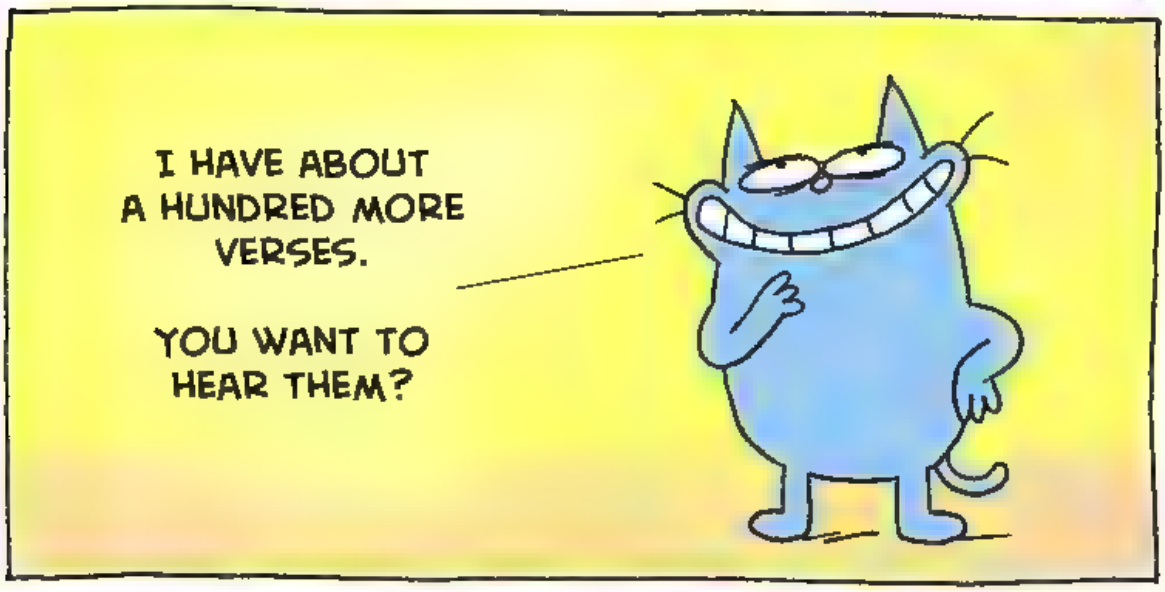
I'M NOT TIRED. TELL ME A BEDTIME STORY.
NO. GO TO SLEEP.
PUH LEEZ
OKAY. HERE'S AN OLD FAVORITE.

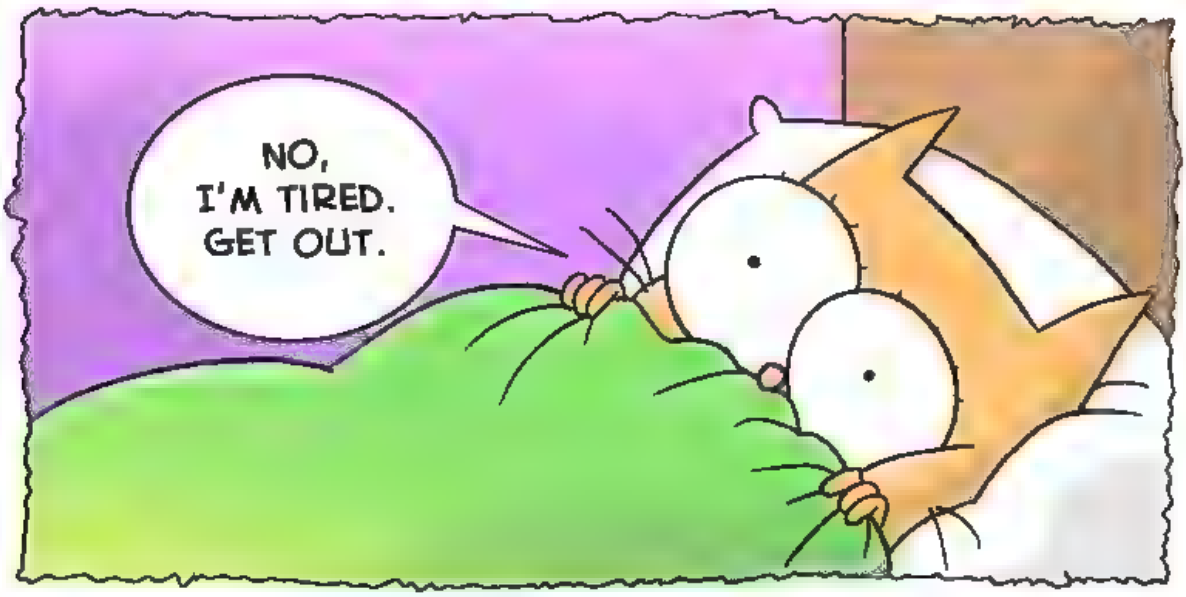
Goodnight moon
goodnight bed.
Goodnight zombies
not quite dead.

Goodnight
dirty, nasty,
creep
who hides
in closets
while we
sleep.


Goodnight ghouls
behind the drapes,
eating eyeballs
just like
grapes.

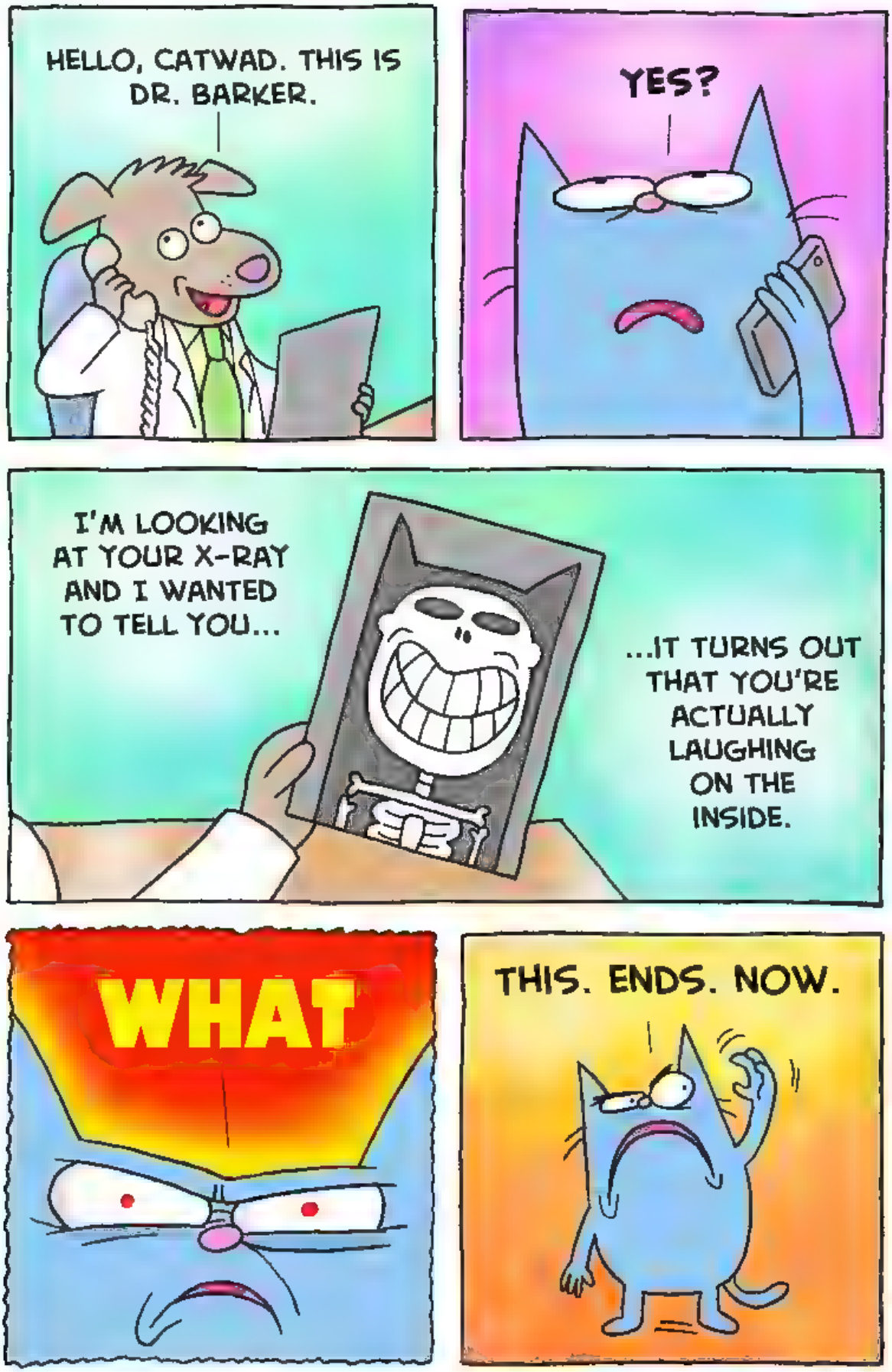
It's time for all to say goodnight,
except the vampires who love to bite.


I HAVE ABOUT A HUNDRED MORE VERSES.
YOU WANT TO HEAR THEM?


NO, I'M TIRED. GET OUT.

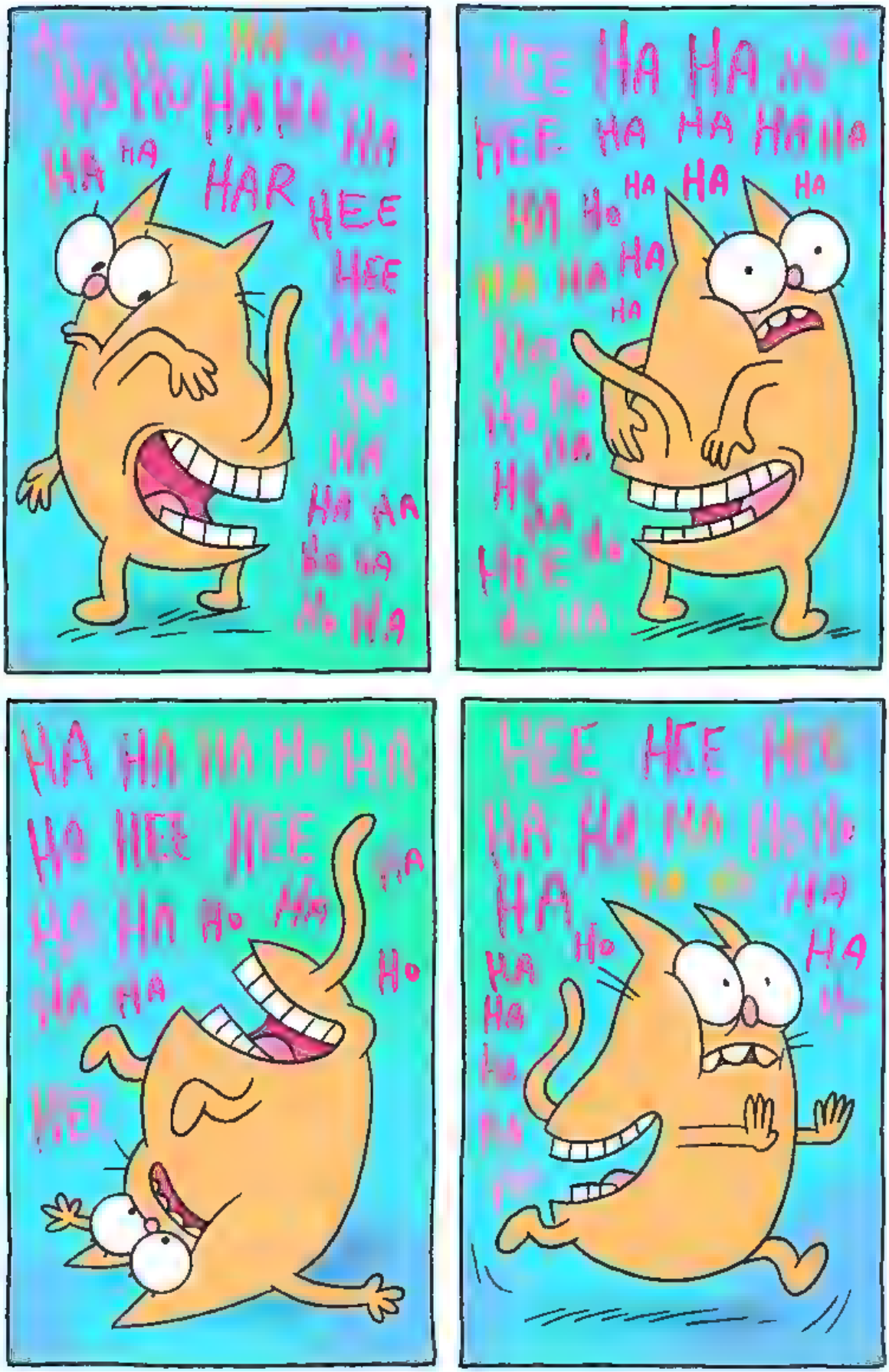
INSIDE

SOME DOCTOR'S OFFICE
WOW!
THIS IS REALLY GREAT NEWS!
HE'S GOING TO BE SO HAPPY! I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL HIM!


HELLO, CATWAD. THIS IS DR. BARKER.
YES?
I'M LOOKING AT YOUR X-RAY AND I WANTED TO TELL YOU...
...IT TURNS OUT THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY LAUGHING ON THE INSIDE.
WHAT
THIS. ENDS. NOW.

DIG DIG DIG
POP!
HA HA HA
EEWW. THIS IS
DISGUSTING.
HA
HA
HA

TOSS!
HA HA HO HEE HA
HA HA
SPLAT!
HA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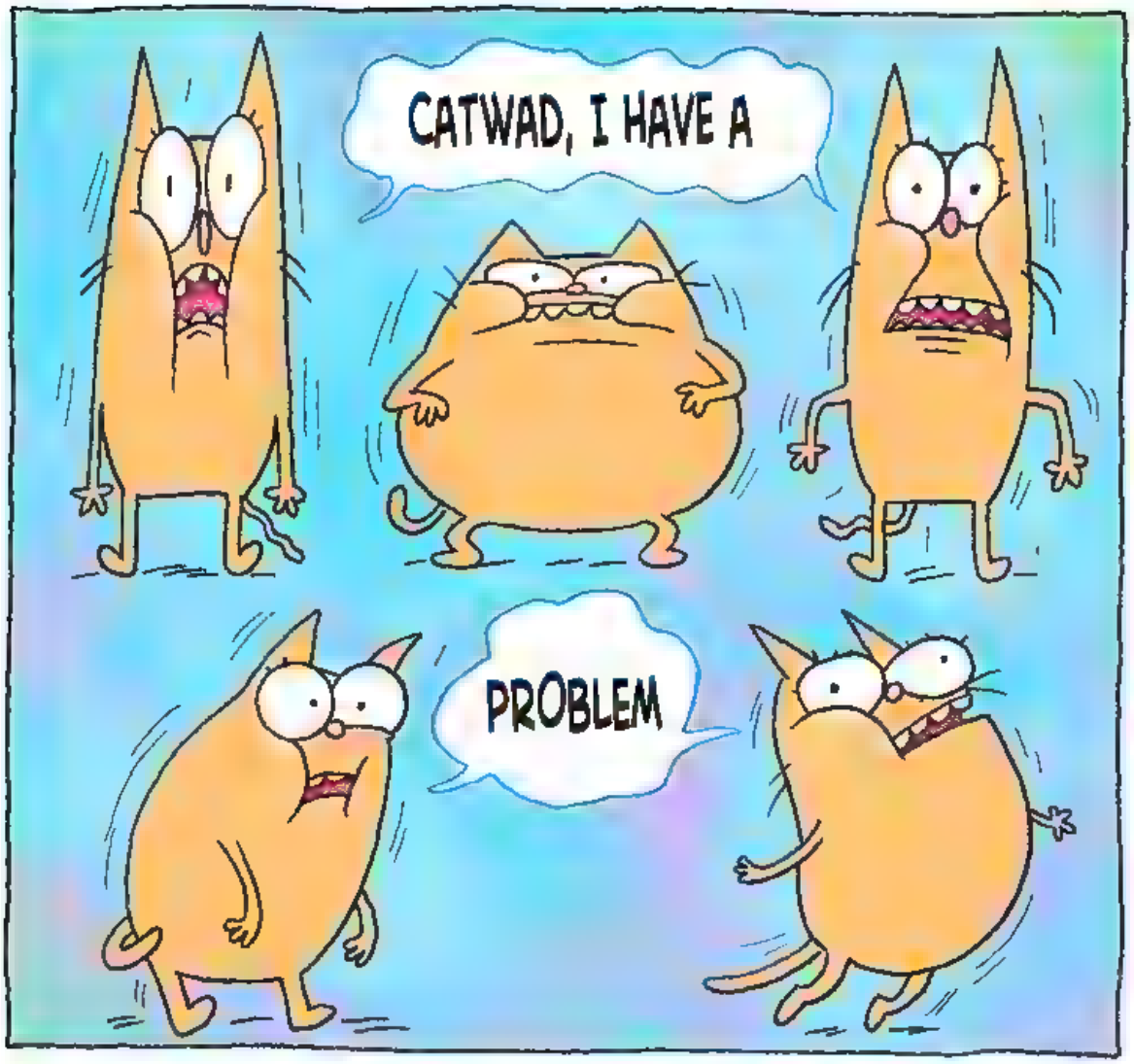
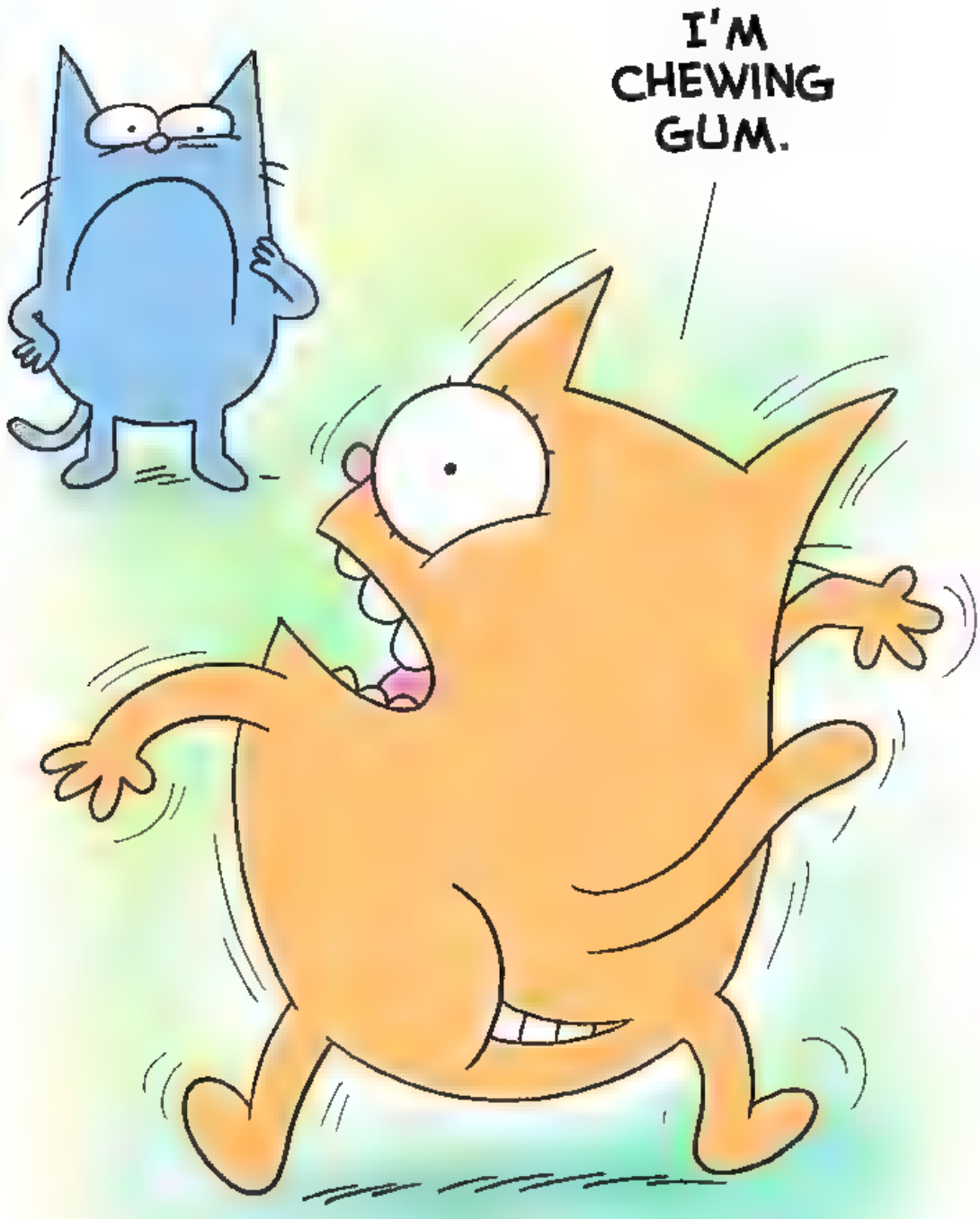
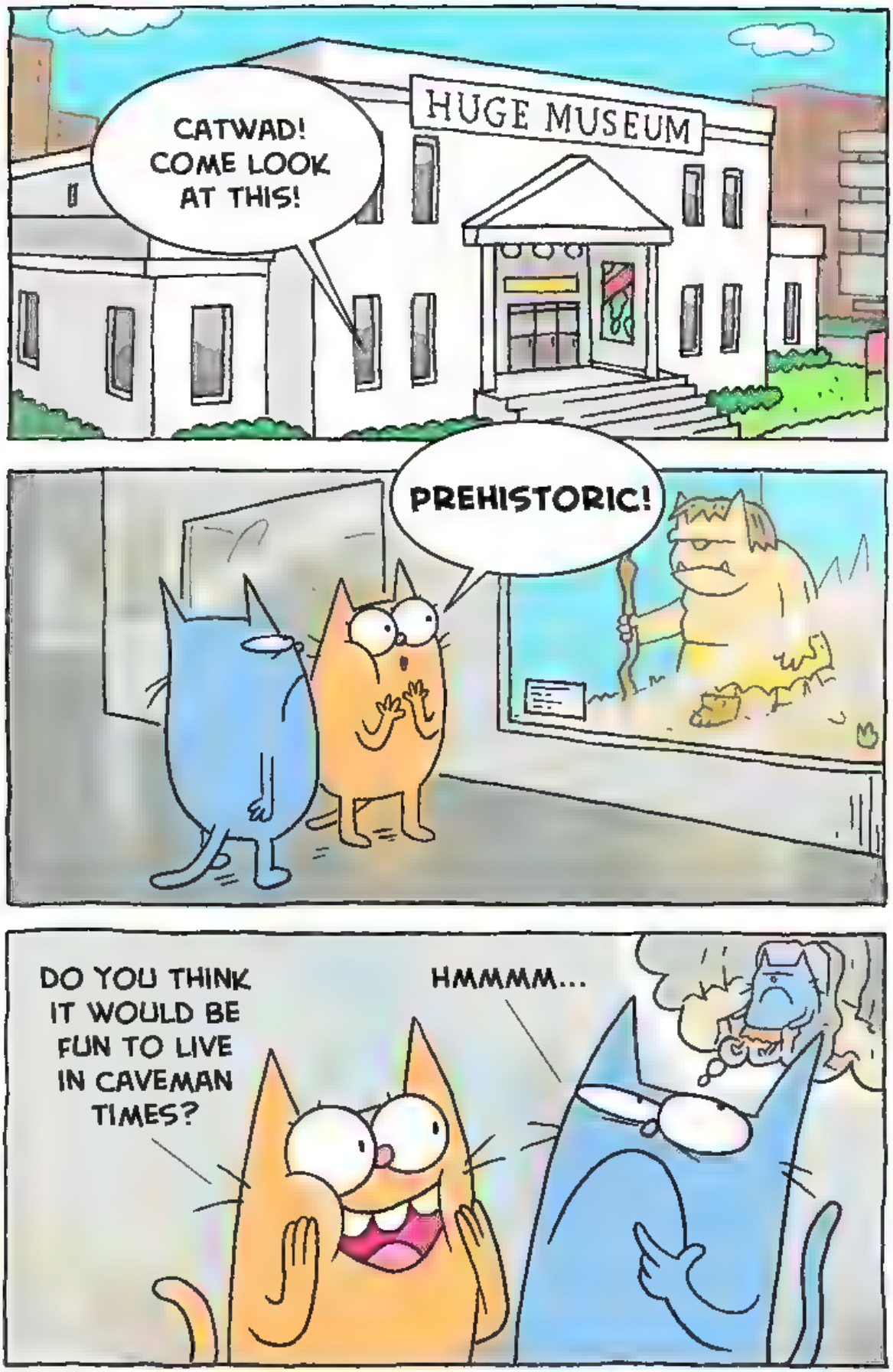

CATWAD, I HAVE A
PROBLEM

THEN STOP THIS RIDICULOUS DANCING AND TELL ME WHAT IT IS.
OH, I'M NOT DANCING.

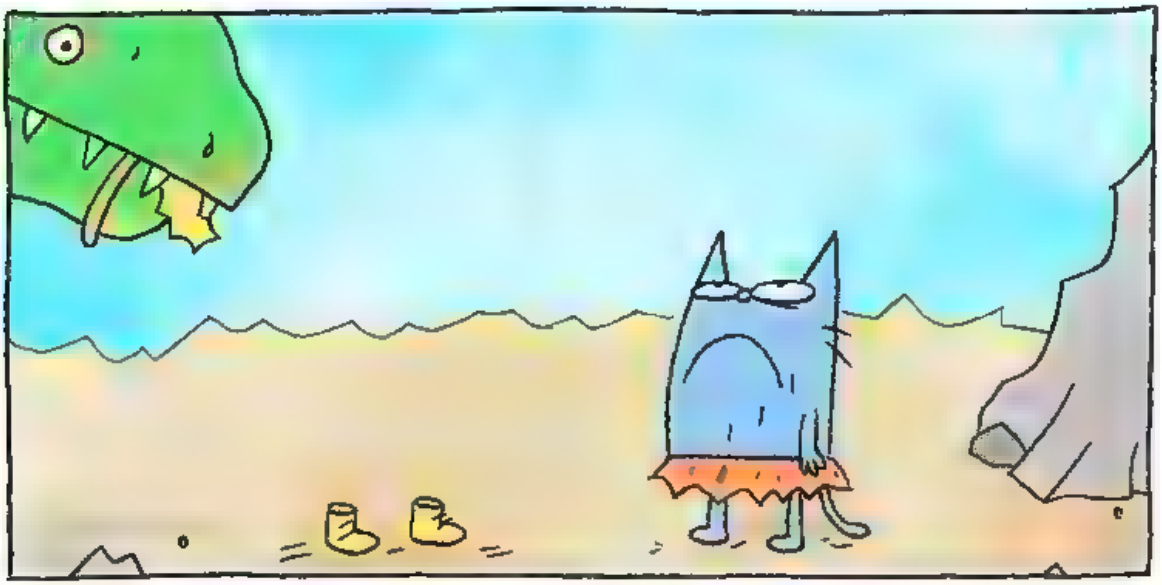

I'M CHEWING GUM.

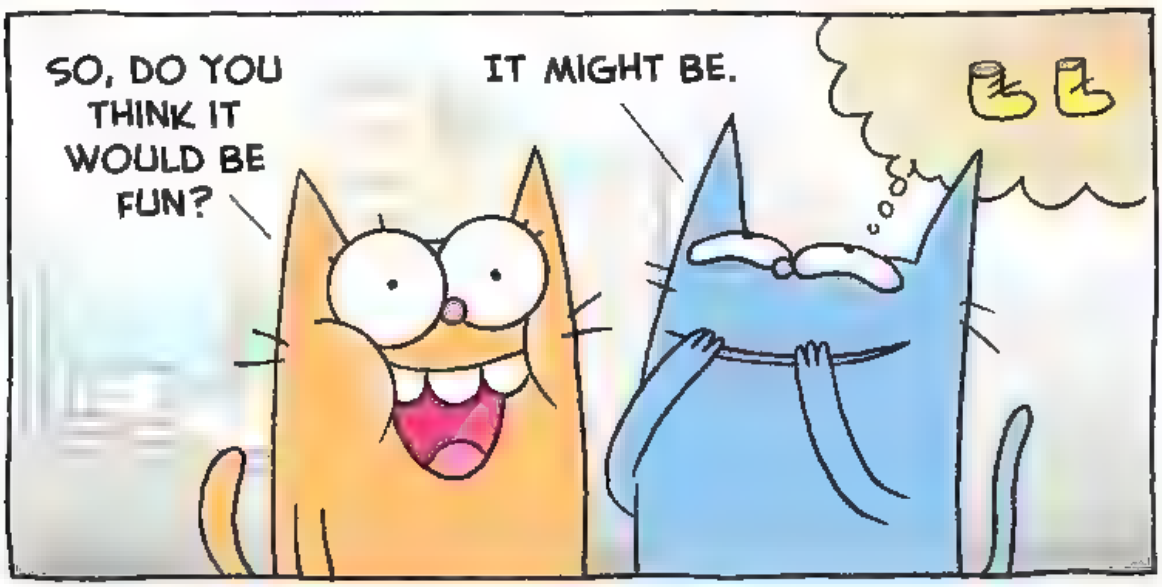
CAVEMEN


HUGE MUSEUM
CATWAD! COME LOOK AT THIS!
PREHISTORIC!
DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE FUN TO LIVE IN CAVEMAN TIMES?
HMMMM...

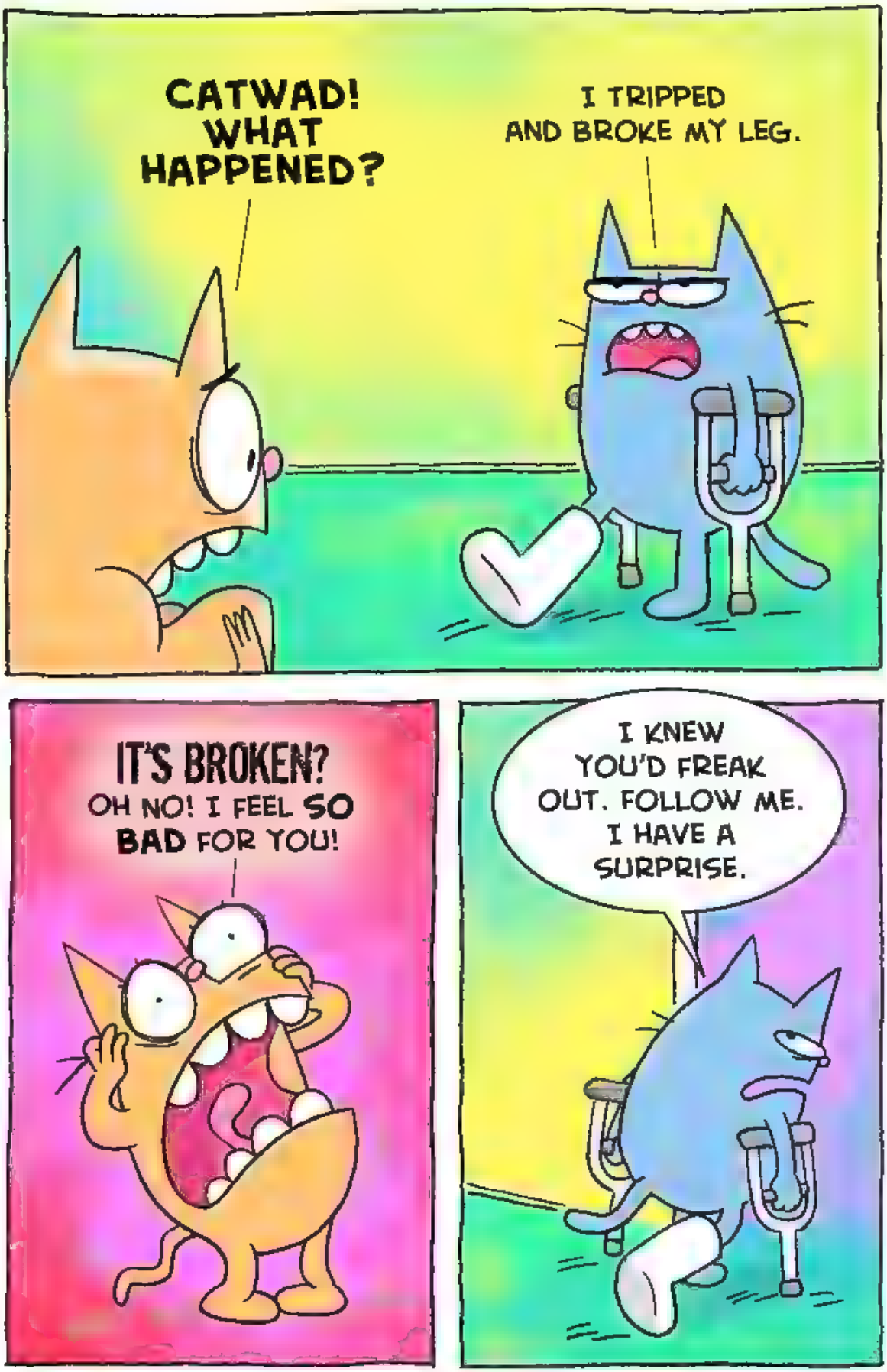
CATWAD, COME MEET MY NEW FRIEND, SUE!
SHE FOLLOWED ME HOME! CAN I KEEP HER?
GET THAT DANGEROUS THING OUT OF HERE!

YOU THINK YOU'RE SO SMART!
SHE WOULDN'T HURT A FLY!
SHE'S AS SWEET AS CAN—

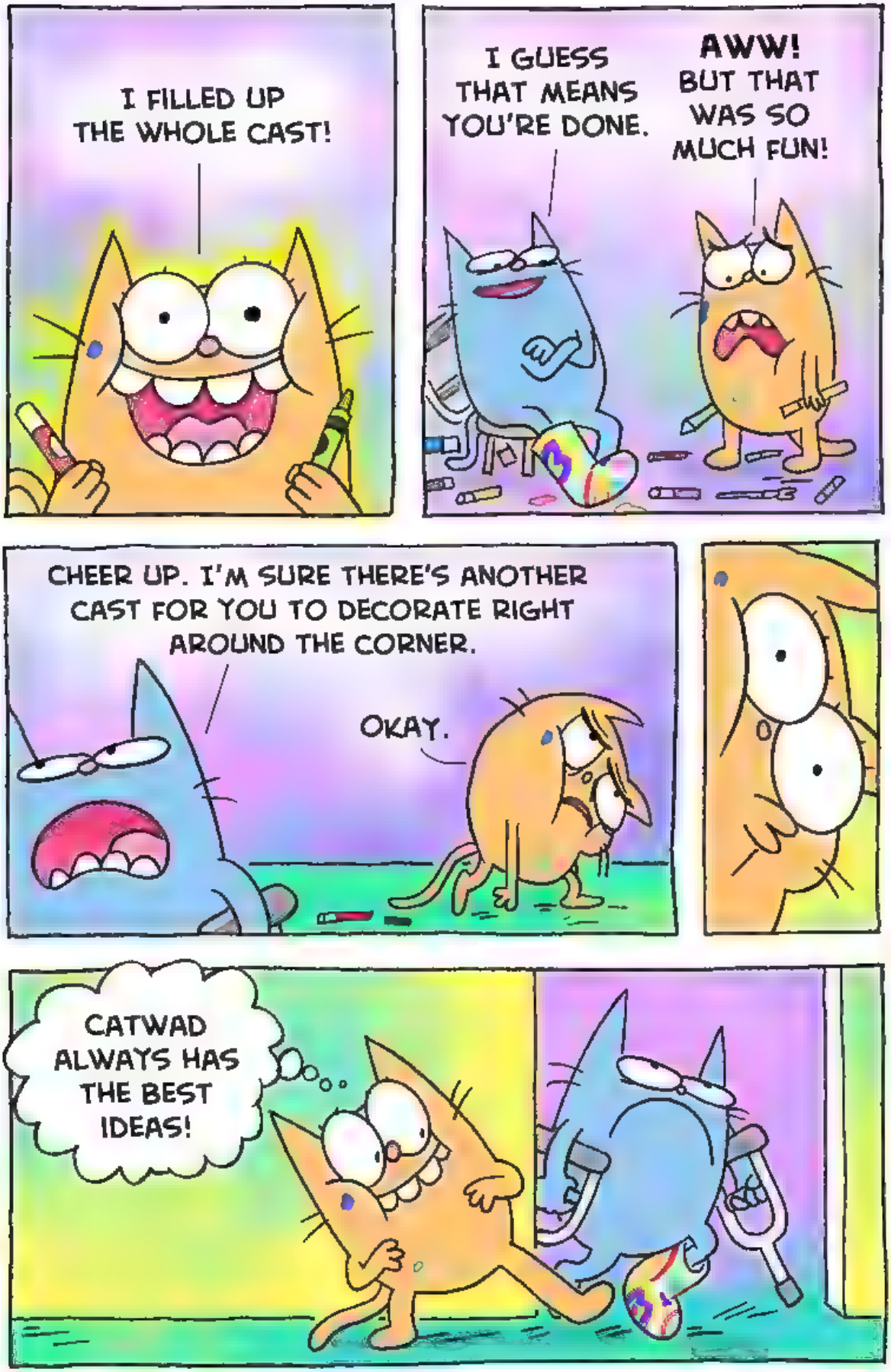


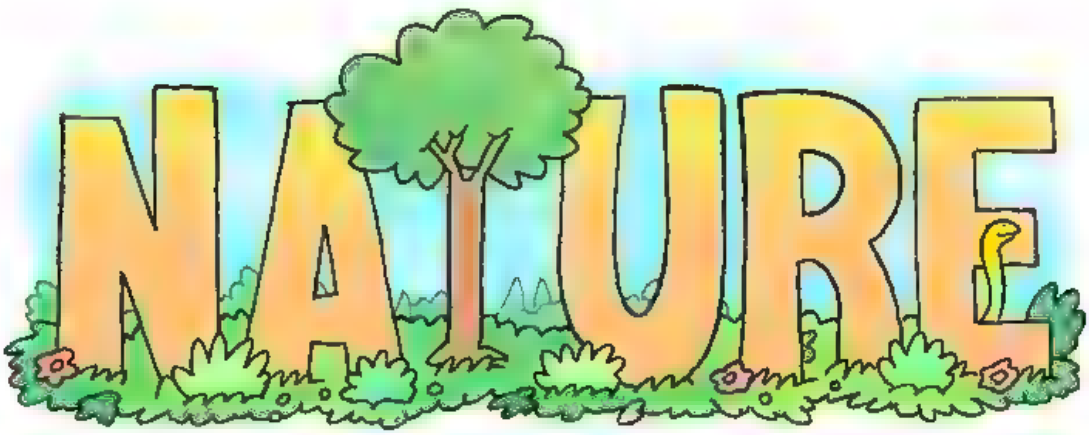

SO, DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE FUN?
IT MIGHT BE.

BOO HOO
GET WELL
SOON


CATWAD! WHAT HAPPENED?
I TRIPPED AND BROKE MY LEG.
IT'S BROKEN?
OH NO! I FEEL SO BAD FOR YOU!
I KNEW YOU'D FREAK OUT. FOLLOW ME. I HAVE A SURPRISE.

WHAT'S THIS STUFF?
ART SUPPLIES!
YOU CAN DECORATE MY CAST ANY WAY YOU WANT.
POP!
LET'S DO THIS!
CREATE!


I FILLED UP THE WHOLE CAST!
I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU'RE DONE.
AWW! BUT THAT WAS SO MUCH FUN!
CHEER UP. I'M SURE THERE'S ANOTHER CAST FOR YOU TO DECORATE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.
OKAY.
CATWAD ALWAYS HAS THE BEST IDEAS!

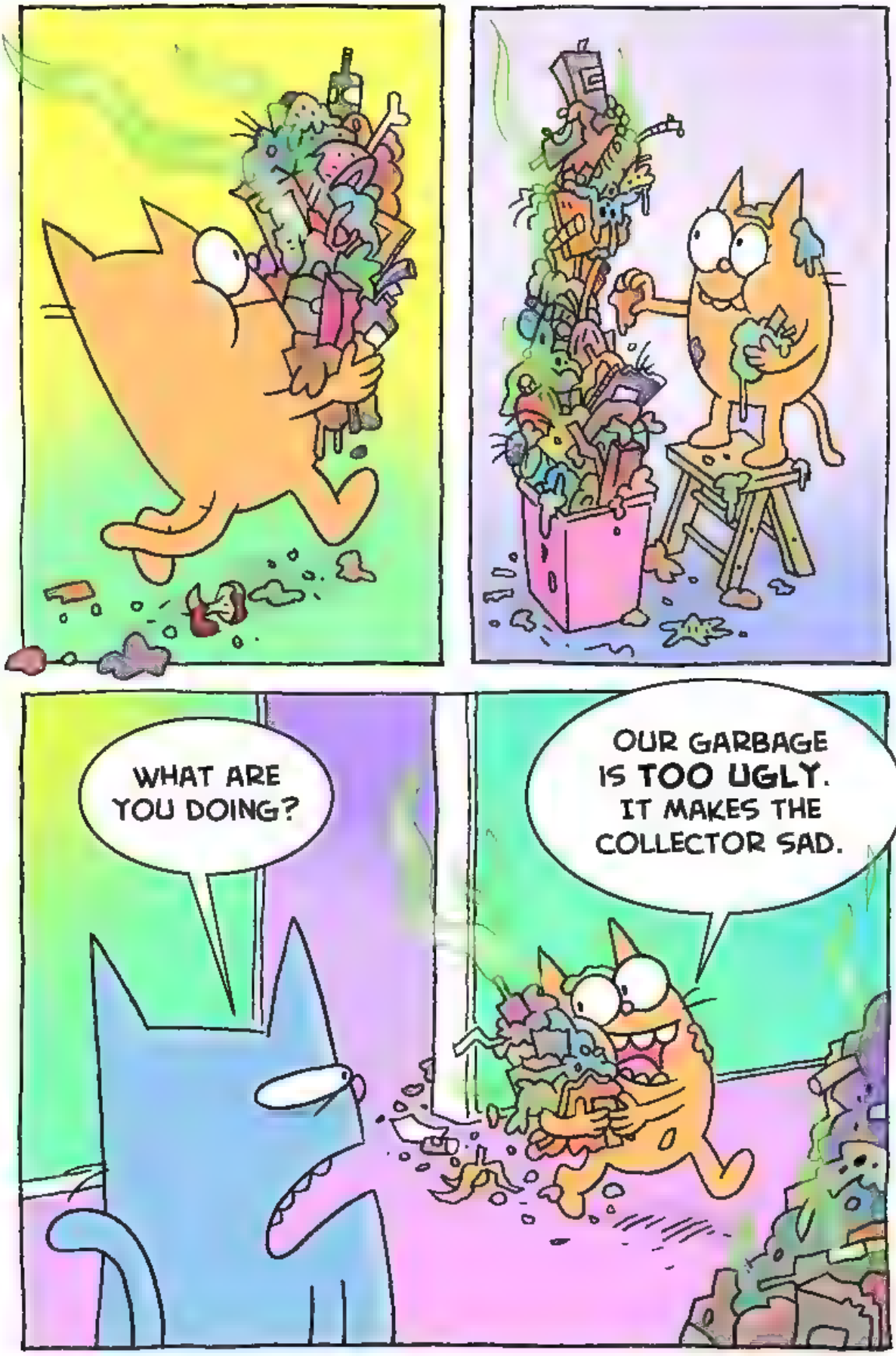

NATURE

I LOVE NATURE!
I LOVE TO BREATHE IN THAT FRESH AIR.
I LOVE COOKING FOOD OVER A FIRE.
FROZEN
PIZZA
I LOVE HOW NATURE DOESN'T CARE HOW STINKY I AM.

I LOVE BEING OUT HERE WITH MY CAMPING GEAR.
SCREEEEEEEEAM

I THOUGHT YOU LOVED NATURE.
I DO.
I JUST LOVE IT THROUGH A WINDOW NOW.
YOU SAW A WASP, DIDN'T YOU?
IT'S HARD TO LOVE SOMETHING WITH A STINGER, CATWAD.

RRRRARR
GROSS.


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
OUR GARBAGE IS TOO UGLY. IT MAKES THE COLLECTOR SAD.

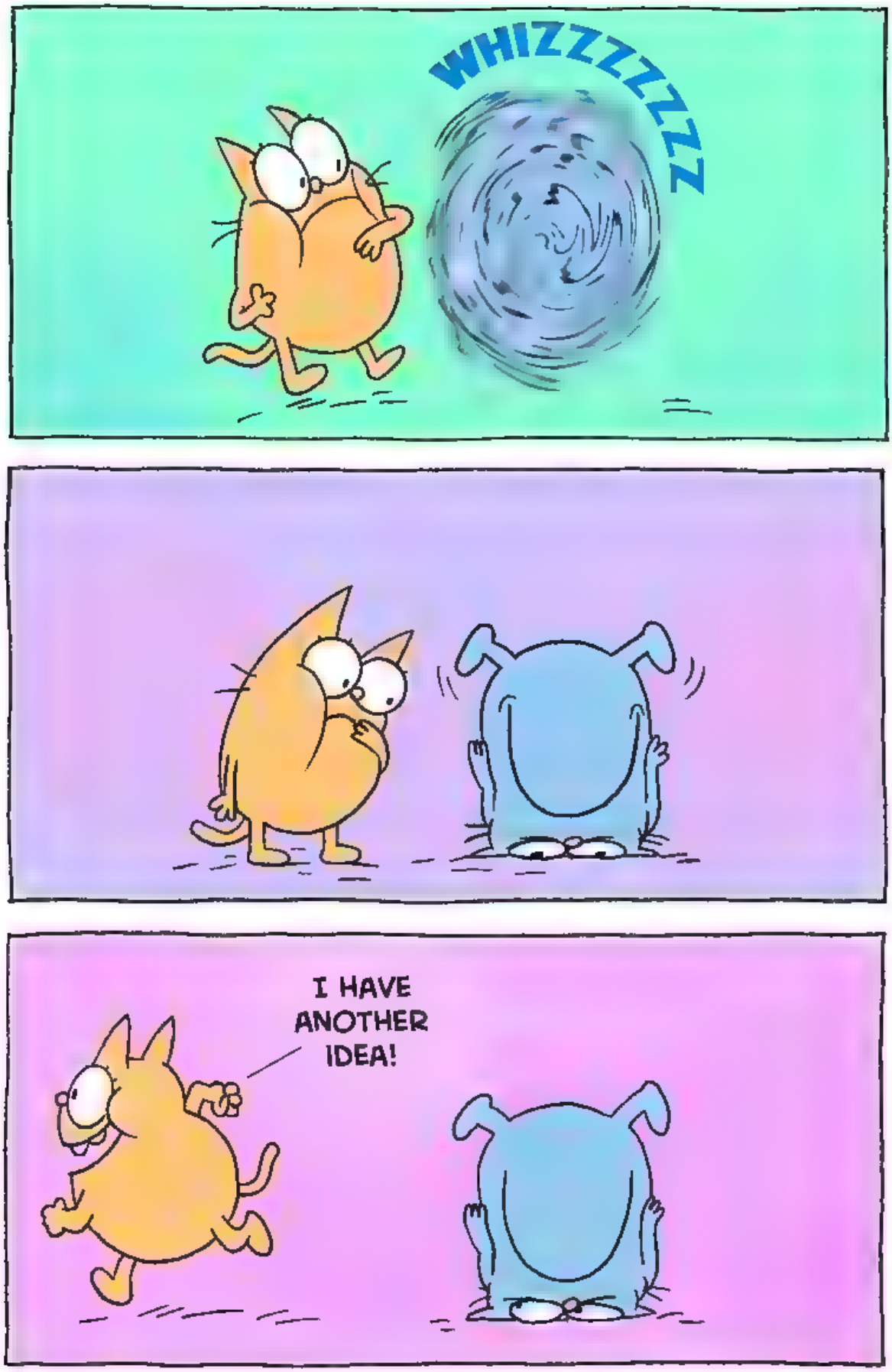
IT DOESN'T MAKE HIM SAD!
HE JUST DOESN'T LIKE GARBAGE.
NOBODY DOES!
Not even if I add a squirt of Pretty Lady perfume?
LE SQRT

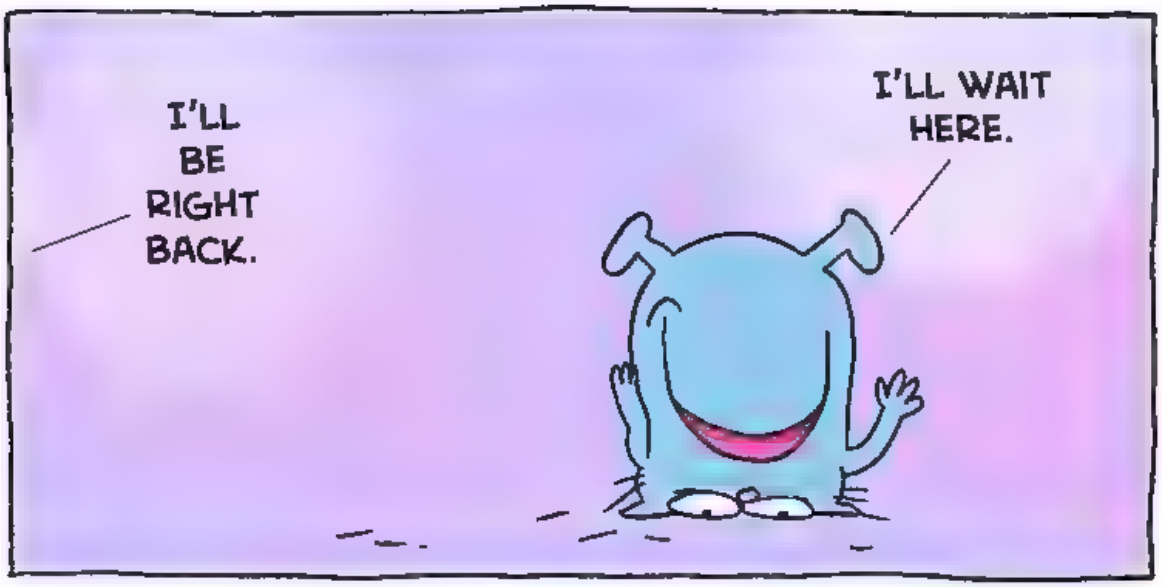
Eew. No.
LET'S GET AN EXPERT'S OPINION.
OOoOO

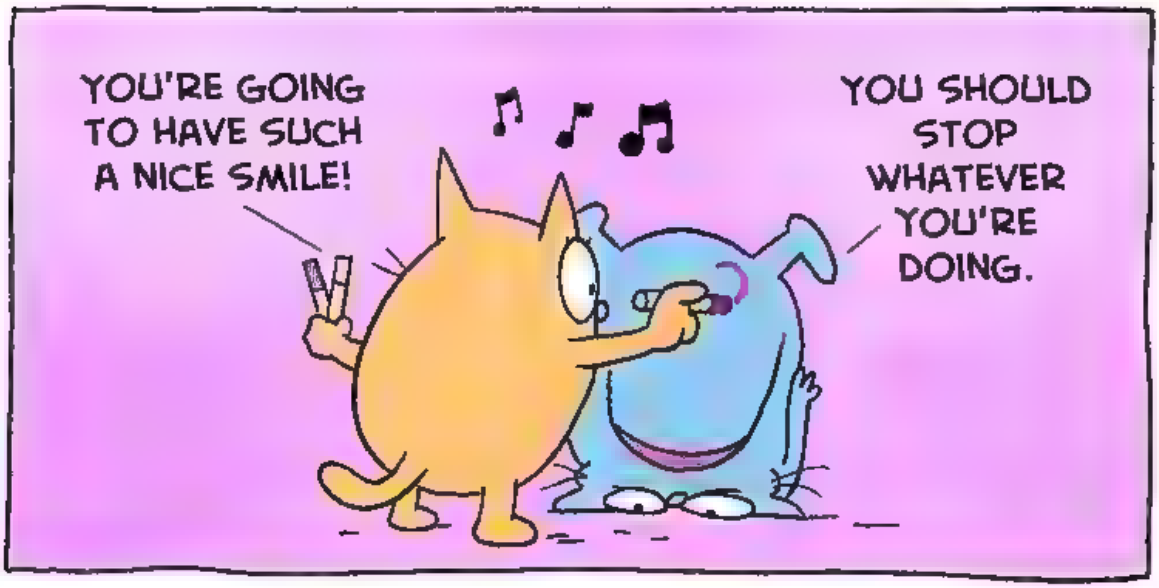
HE LOVED IT!
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.
IN FACT, HE LOVED IT SO MUCH...
RRRRRRR
HE'S GIVING ME ALL THE GARBAGE I NEED TO MAKE AS MANY AS I WANT.
RRRRRRRRR

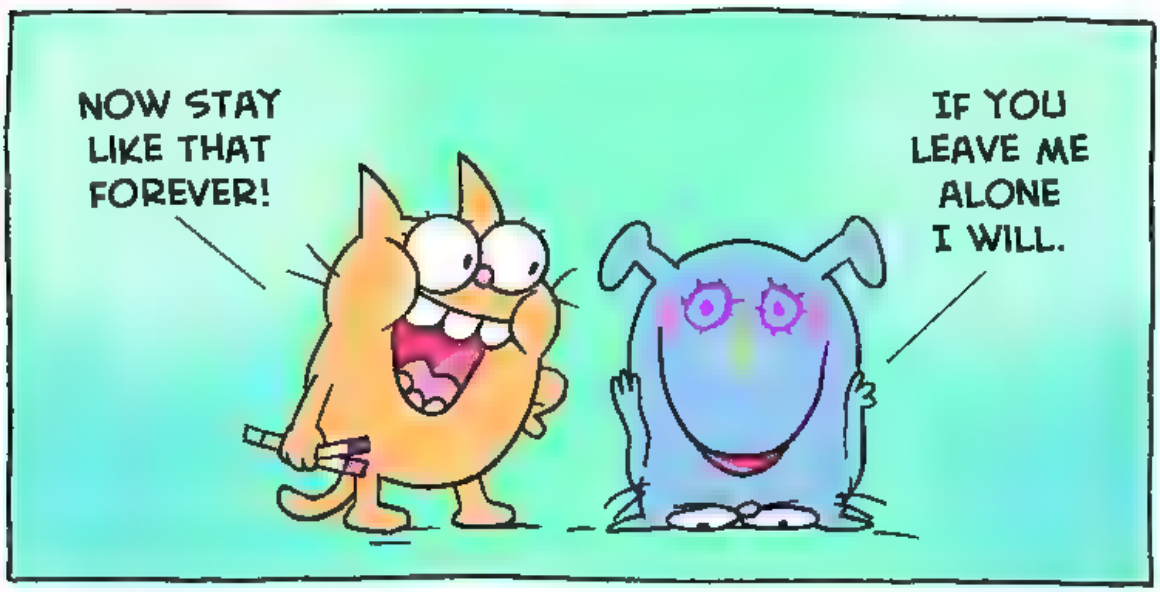
UPSIDE DOWN

LET'S TURN THAT FROWN UPSIDE DOWN!
IMPOSSIBLE.
PUSH
SMOOSH
TUG
PULL
SMUSH
WOW! LOOK AT THAT BEAUTIFUL SMILE!
MMMR MRRR MM MMFF.


WHIZZZZZZ
I HAVE ANOTHER IDEA!


I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
I'LL WAIT HERE.


YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE SUCH A NICE SMILE!
YOU SHOULD STOP WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING.

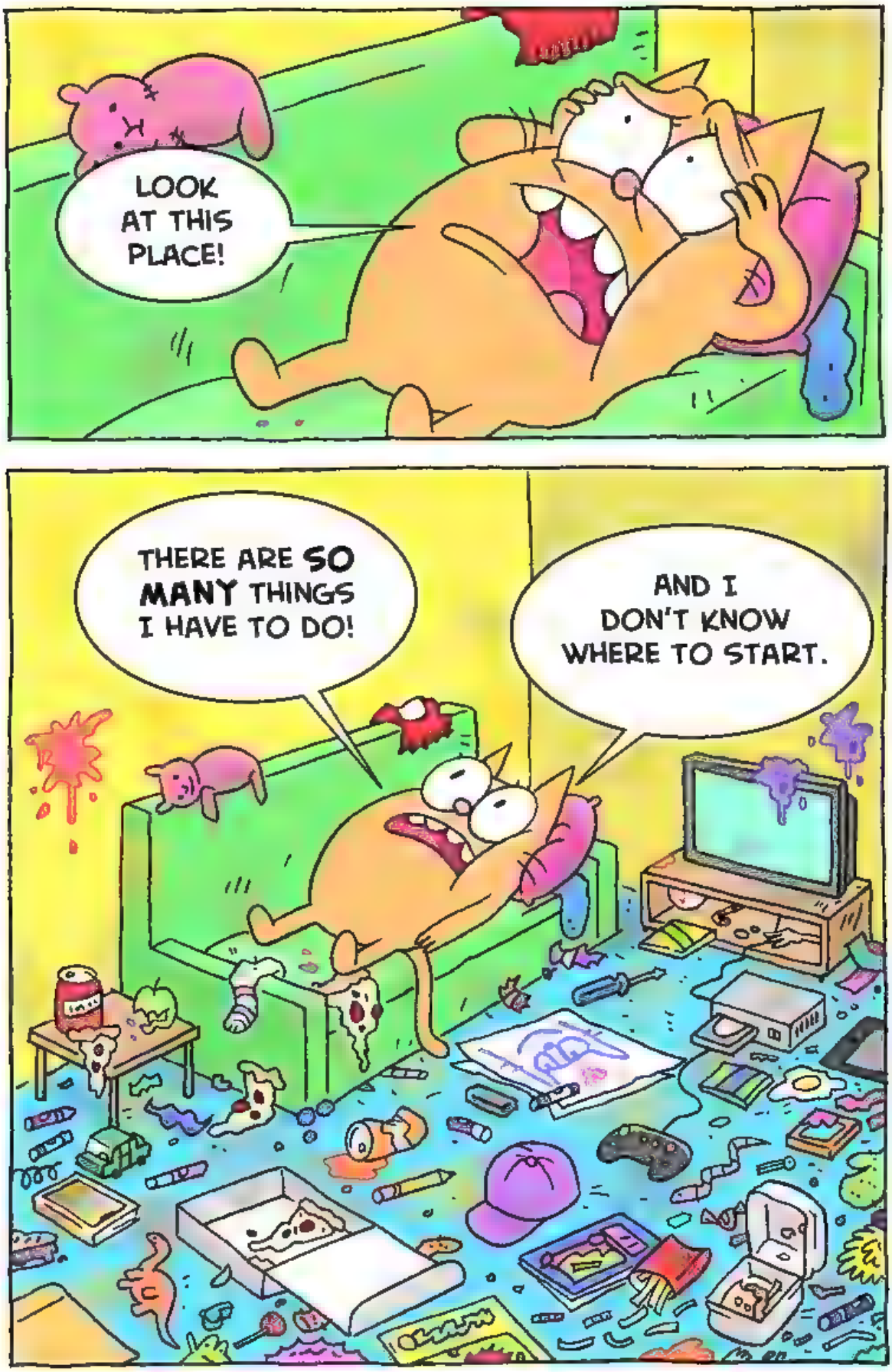

NOW STAY LIKE THAT FOREVER!
IF YOU LEAVE ME ALONE I WILL.

HEY, BLURMP, WOULD YOU LIKE A PET?
I ALREADY HAVE ONE.
YOU DO?
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S YOU. YOU'RE MY PET CAT.
I AM NOT A PET!
SURE YOU ARE.

I FEED YOU.
I CLEAN UP AFTER YOU.
I PLAY WITH YOU.
SQUEAKA SQUEAKA
NONE OF THAT MAKES ME YOUR PET!!

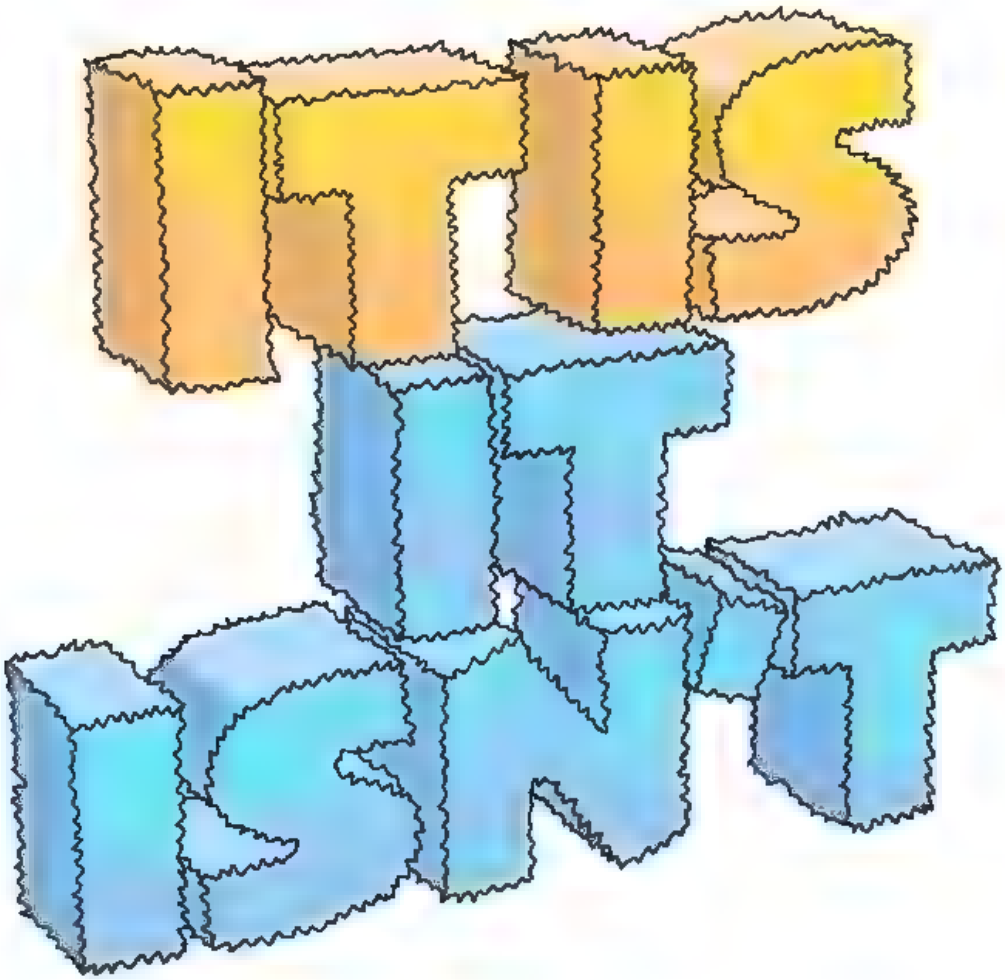
OKAY, OKAY, I UNDERSTAND.
BUT IF YOU'RE NOT MY PET...
I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU'RE MY BABY!
BUT I STILL DON'T WANT A PET.
I CAN'T HAVE ANY DIRTY ANIMALS AROUND MY PRECIOUS BABY.

THE TO-DO LIST


LOOK AT THIS PLACE!
THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I HAVE TO DO!
AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START.

JUST MAKE A
TO-DO LIST.
YOU'LL BE DONE
BEFORE YOU
KNOW IT.
HEY,
YEAH!
THAT'S A
GREAT IDEA!

TO-DO LIST
HMMMM....
TO-DO LIST
1. MAKE A TO-DO LIST ✓
IT FEELS SO GOOD TO GET SOMETHING DONE.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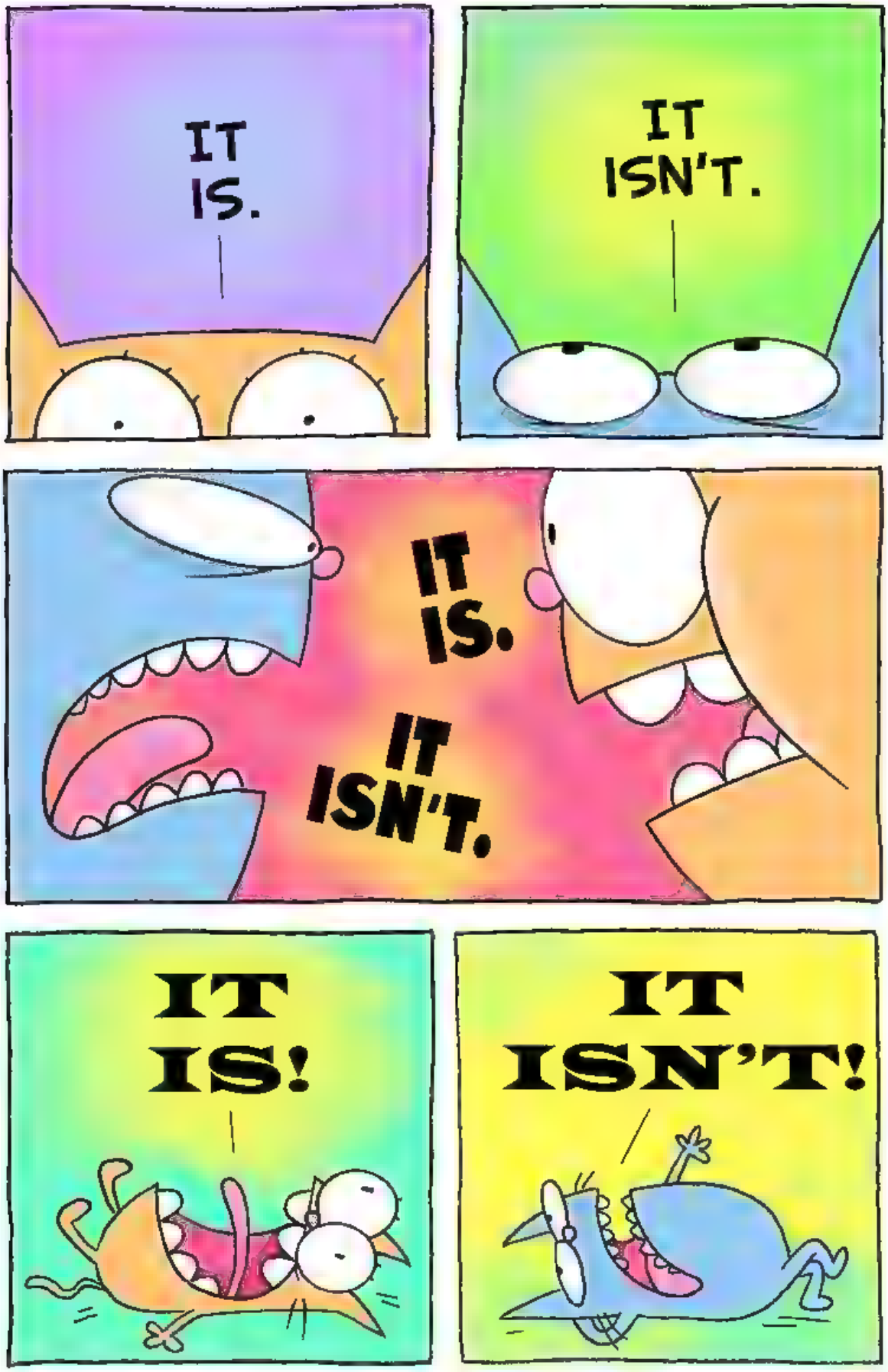
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IT ISN'T.
IT IS.
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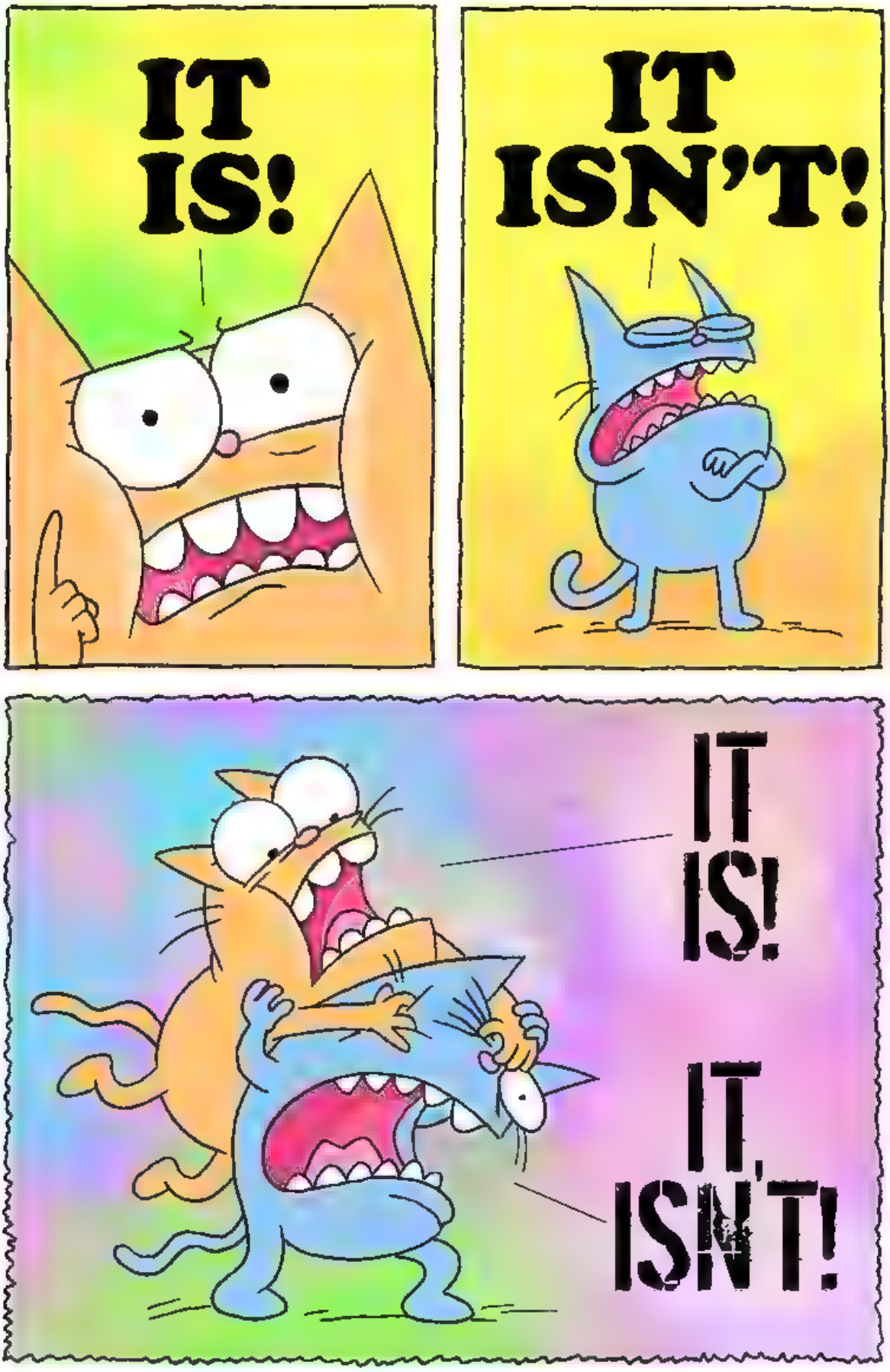
IT IS!
IT ISN'T!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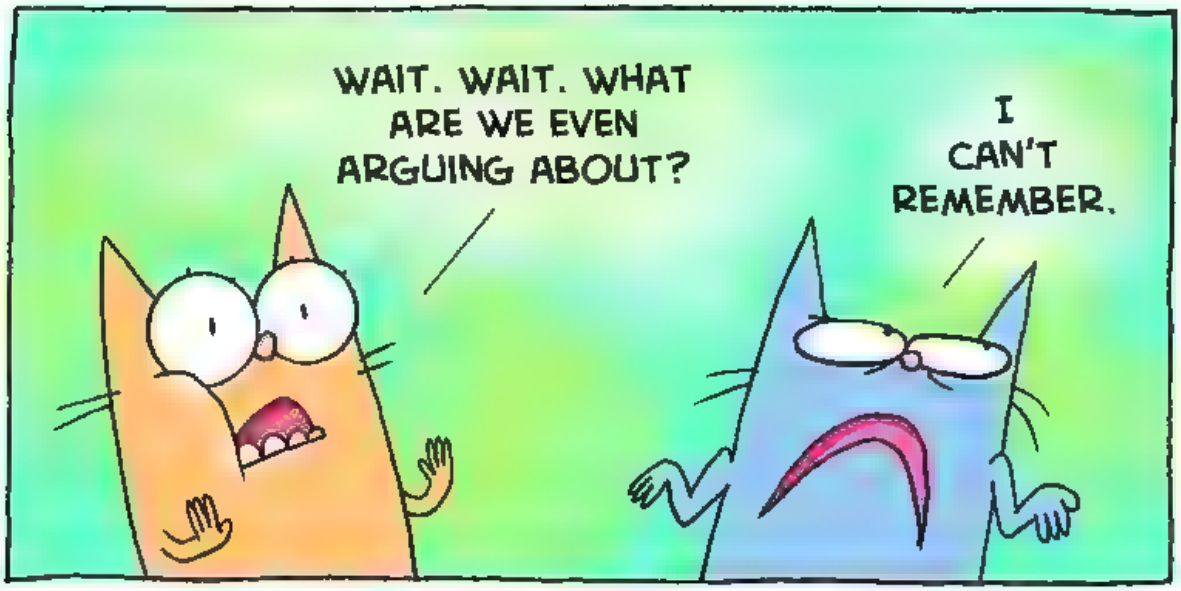
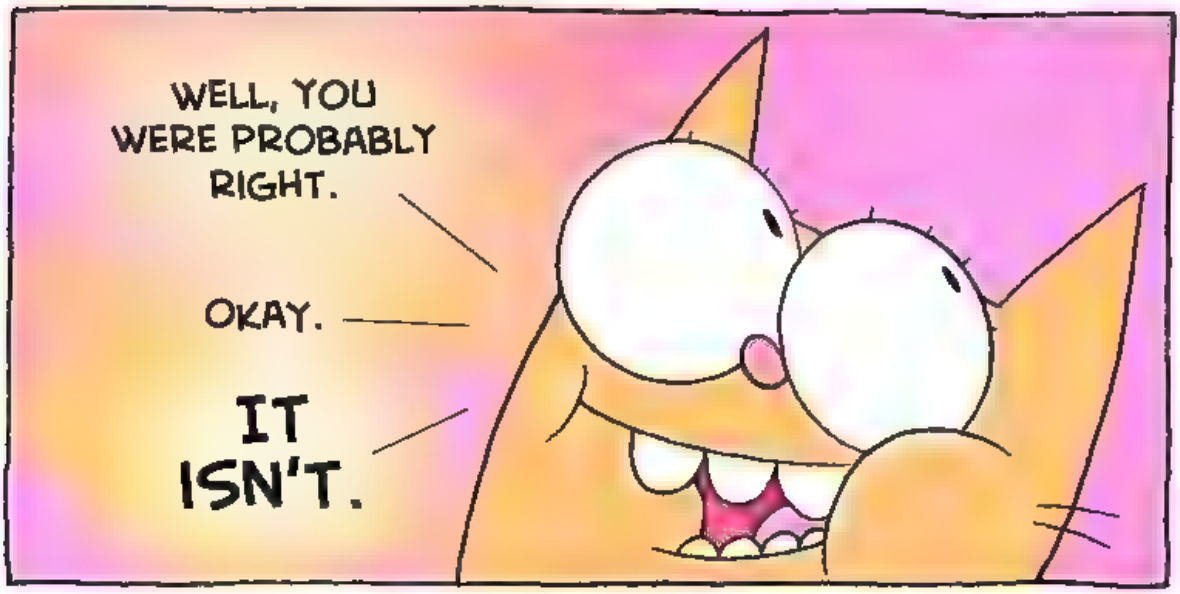

WAIT. WAIT. WHAT ARE WE EVEN ARGUING ABOUT?
I CAN'T REMEMBER.


WELL, YOU WERE PROBABLY RIGHT.
OKAY.
IT ISN'T.

THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING:
IT IS!

CLANK

CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
CATWAD!
AAAAAAAA!
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?

I HEARD A WEIRD SOUND.
IT'S NOTHING.
CLANK CLANK
THERE IT IS AGAIN!
IT'S JUST THE FURNACE.
CAN I STAY HERE TONIGHT?
NO.
GO BACK TO BED.
CLANK

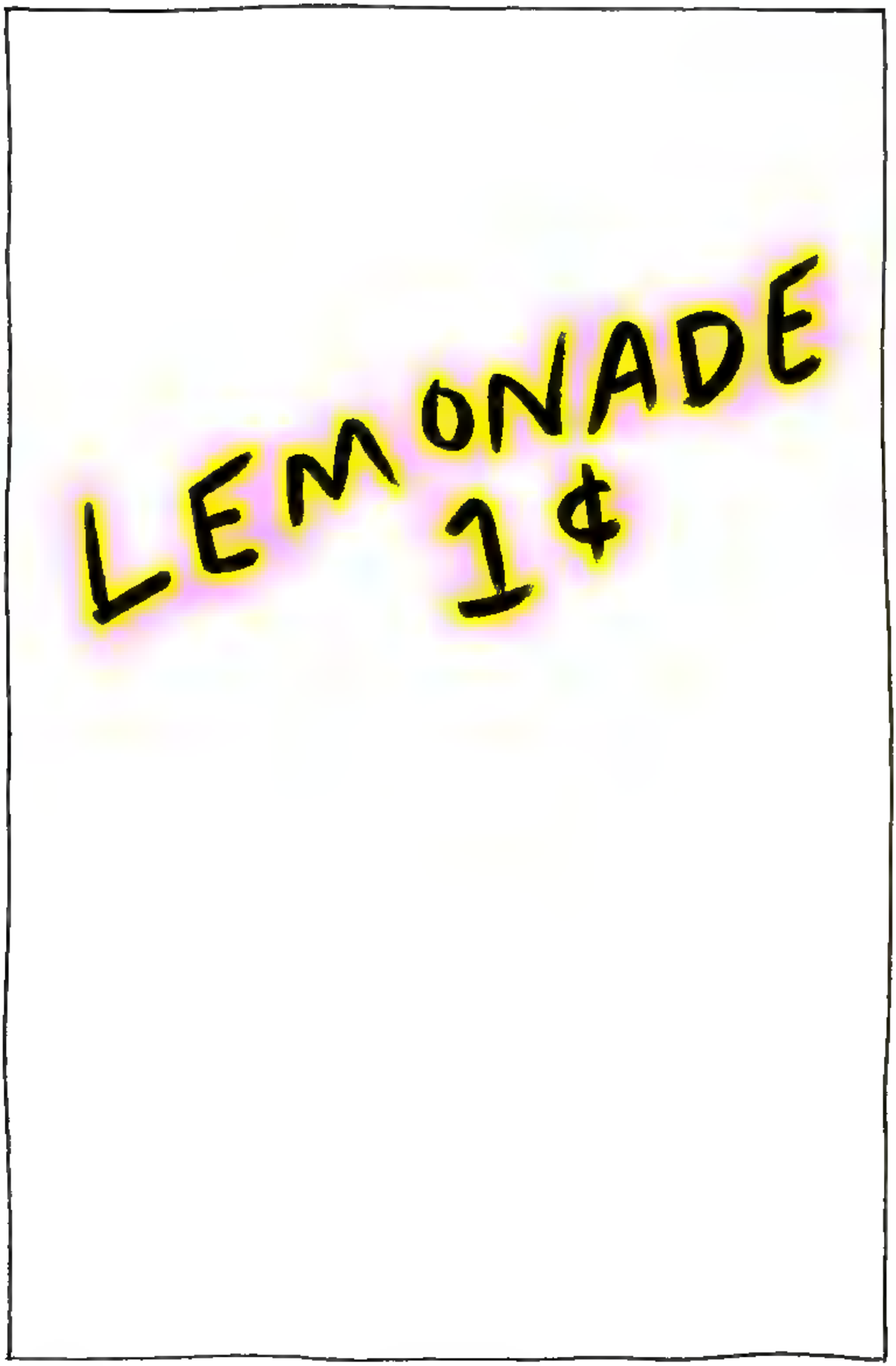
WHIMPER WHIMPER WHIMP
WHIMPER WHIMPER WHIMPER WHIMPER WHIMPE
WHIMPER WHIMPER
Dad, I heard a weird noise.

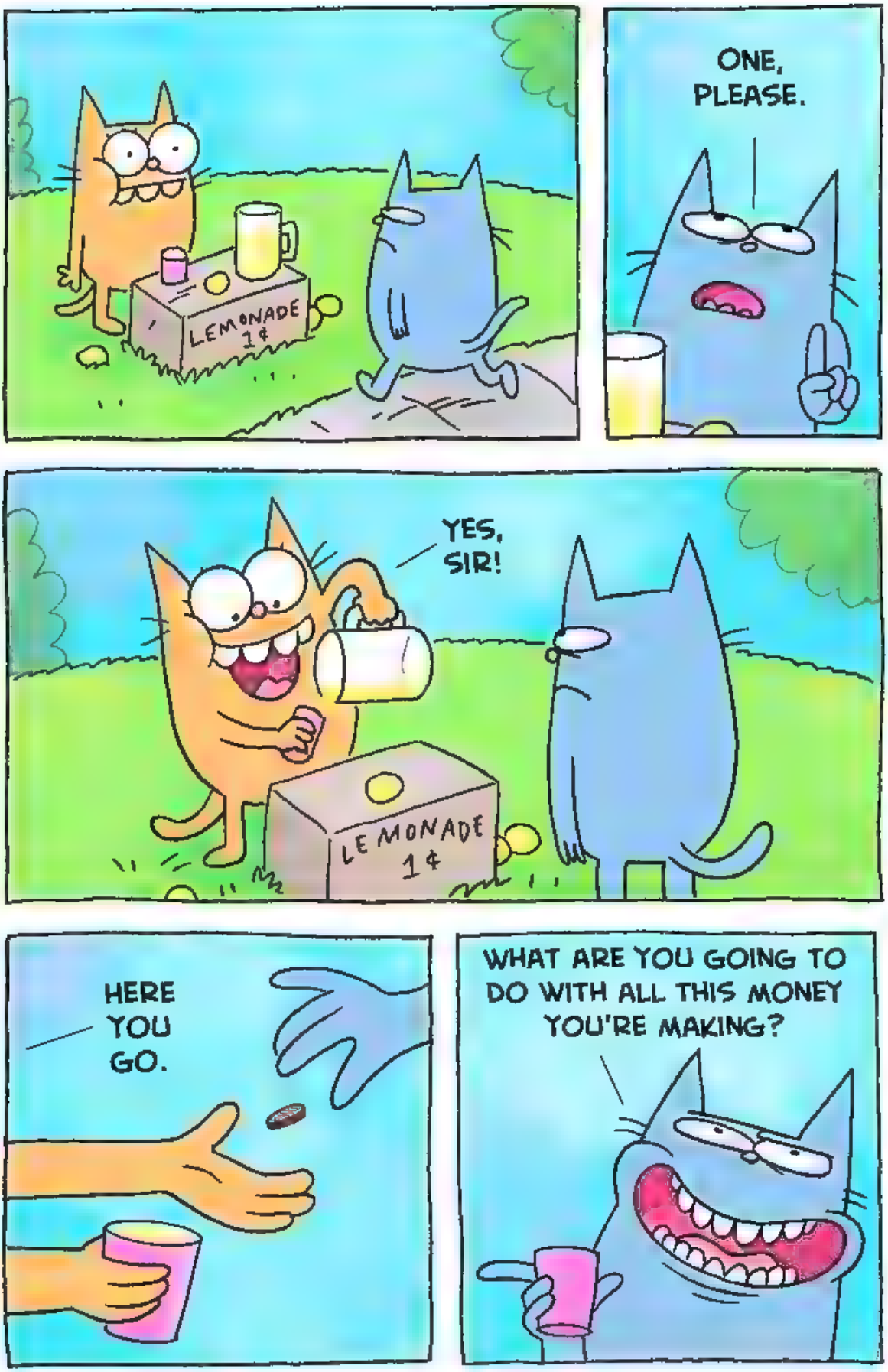
Excuse me.
My son is trying to do his clanking.
But your friend's whimpering is distracting him.

HE'LL FALL ASLEEP IN A MINUTE AND IT WILL STOP.
CLANK CLANK
GOOD! Time to get back to your clanking, Son.
Daddy, can I stay here tonight?
CLANK
CLANK

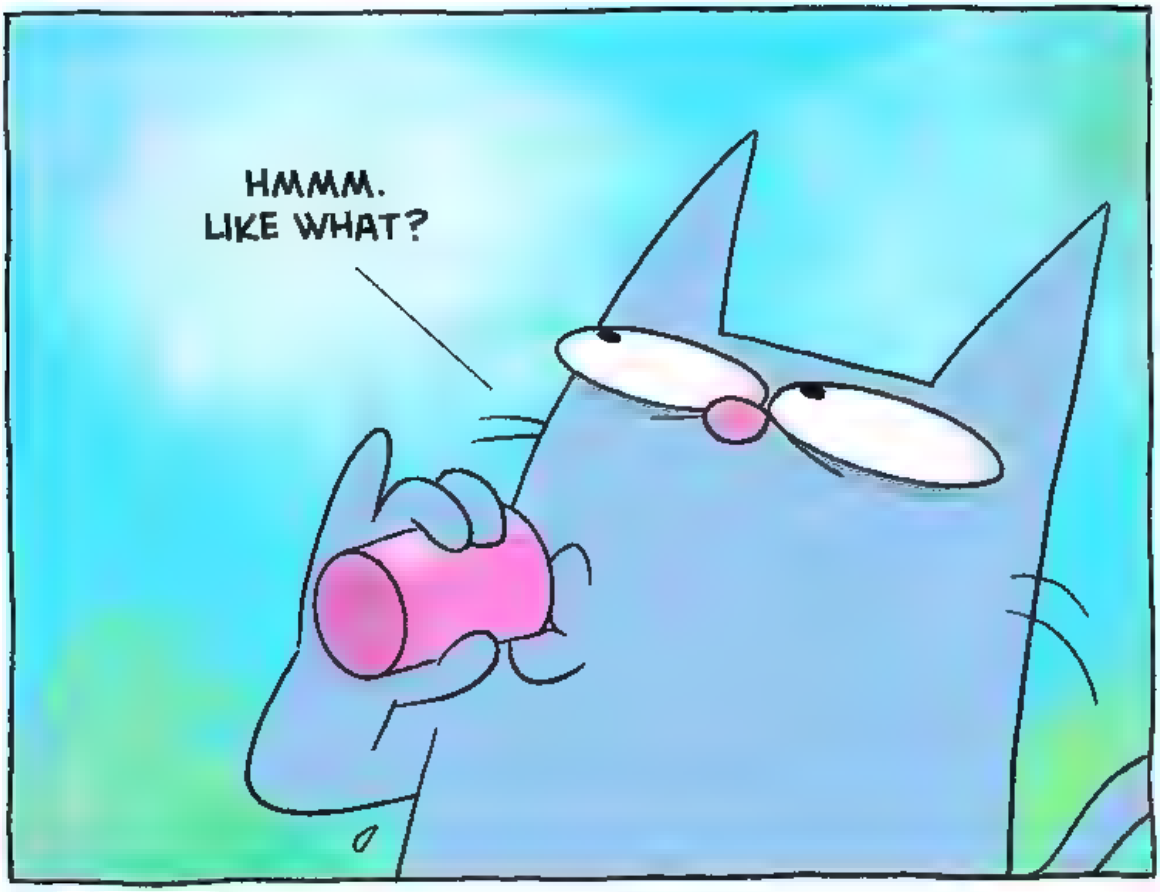
Will you practice your clanking?
I'll do it all night!
CLANK CLANK
GOOD! And what if you need to use the bathroom?
WHAT?
I'll pee the bed!
CLANK
GOOD! Then there is no reason you shouldn't stay here!
See you tomorrow!
CLANK CLANK

Isn't this fun?
Do you want to clank the chain?
I'M GOOD.
CLANK
CLANK


LEMONADE
1¢


LEMONADE 1¢
ONE, PLEASE.
YES, SIR!
LEMONADE 1¢
HERE YOU GO.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ALL THIS MONEY YOU'RE MAKING?

I GUESS I'LL MAKE SOME IMPROVEMENTS TO MY LEMONADE BUSINESS.
LEMONADE 1¢

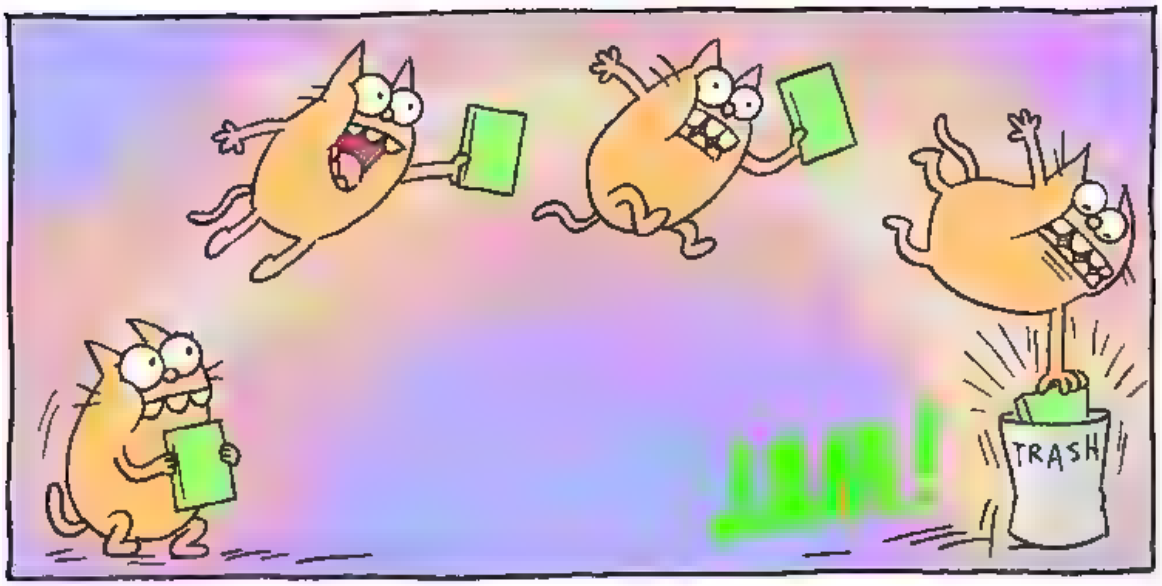

HMMM. LIKE WHAT?

LIKE SUGAR.
LEMONADE 1¢

STUDY

GROAN
WHAT ARE YOU GROANING ABOUT?
I HAVE TO STUDY THIS BOOK FOR A TEST AND I'M HAVING A HARD TIME.

WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO MAKE A GAME OUT OF IT?
A game?
YOU CAN PRETEND TO BE A SCIENTIST, SEARCHING FOR AN ANSWER THAT WILL SAVE THE WORLD.
OR PRETEND YOU'RE AN ACTOR AND YOU HAVE TO MEMORIZE THE BOOK FOR A MOVIE YOU'RE STARRING IN.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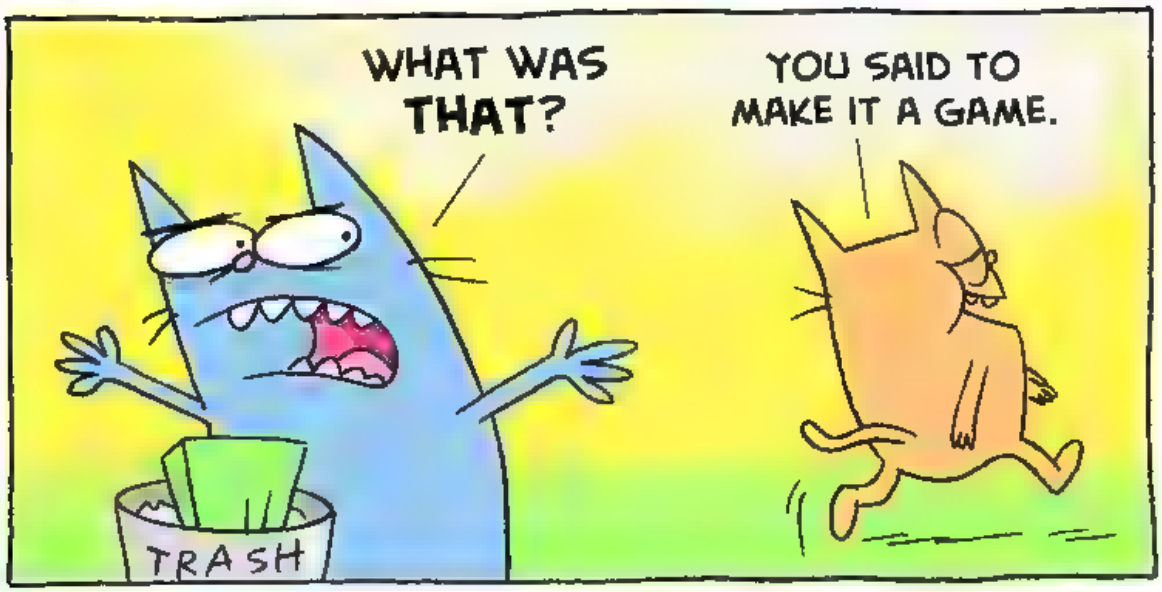
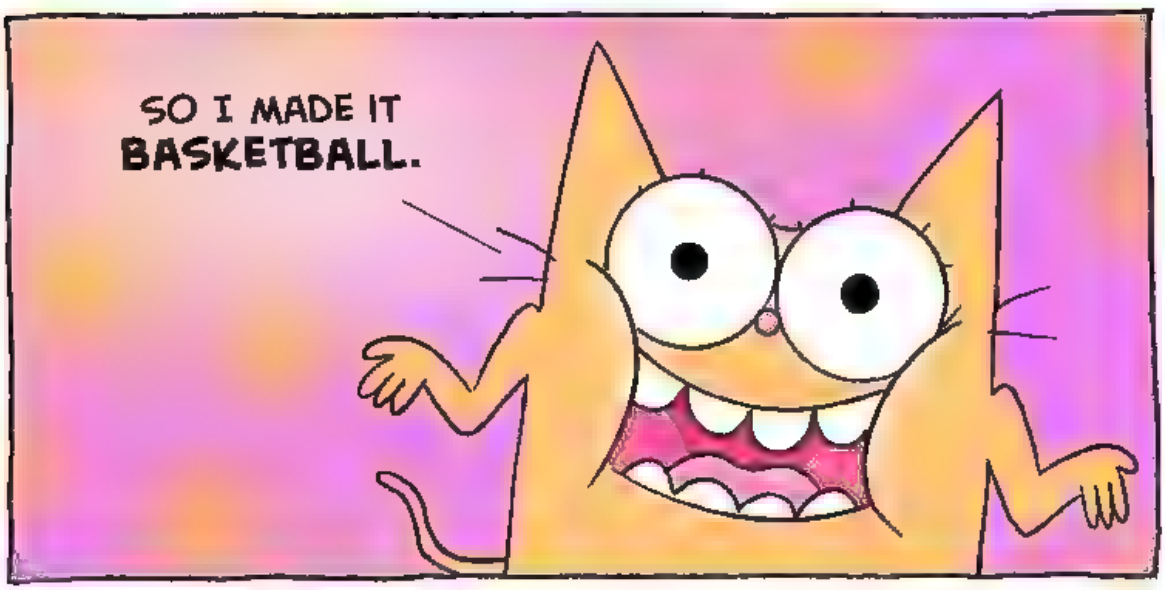

WHAT WAS THAT?
YOU SAID TO MAKE IT A GAME.
TRASH


SO I MADE IT BASKETBALL.

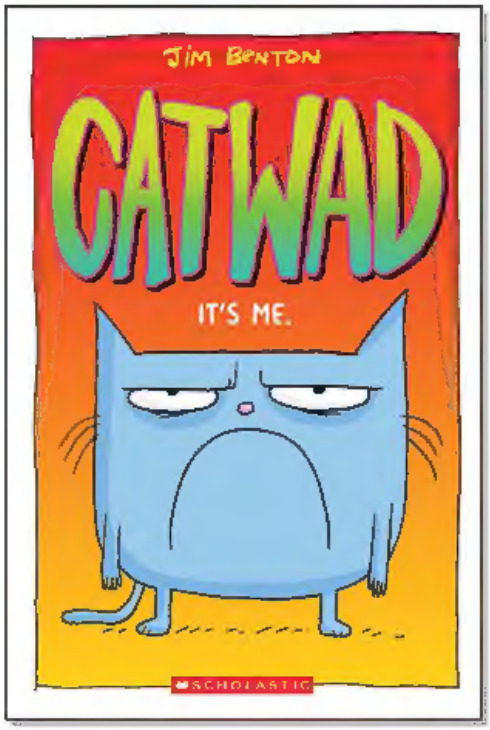
THE STYLIST

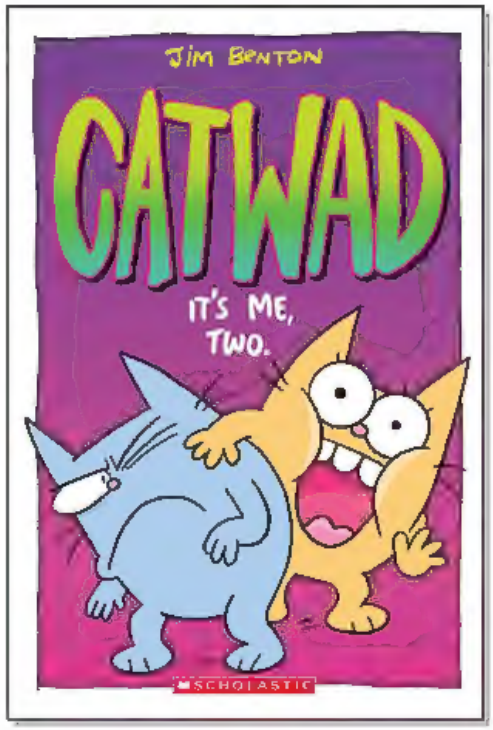
CATWAD! I GRADUATED! I'M A STYLIST NOW!
I CAN DO YOUR HAIR!
HMMMM.
OFFICIAL CERTIFIED STYLIST
BLURMP
EEEEEEEEEEEEE
WELL, YOU DID GRADUATE. OKAY. GO AHEAD.

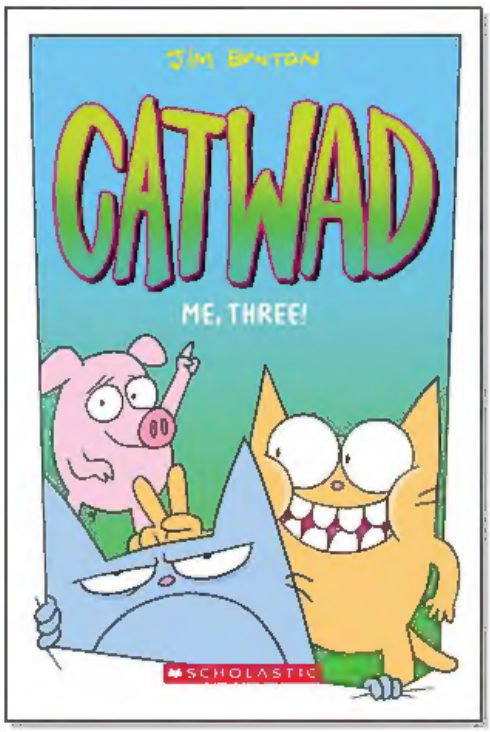
SO WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO DO?
I DON'T KNOW. JUST MAKE ME LOOK LIKE A MOVIE STAR.
SNIP SNIP BRUSH COMB
SPRITZ SPRITZ SPRITZ
DAB DAB BLEND
ALL DONE! YOU LOOK JUST LIKE A MOVIE STAR!

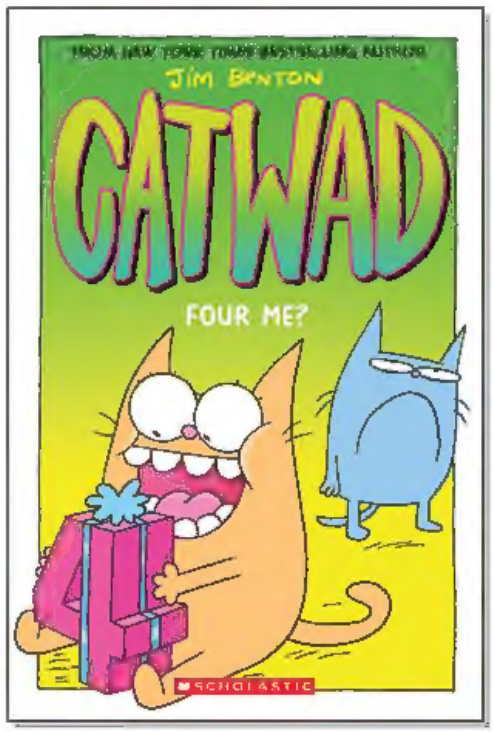
REALLY? WHICH ONE?

ALSO AVAILABLE!









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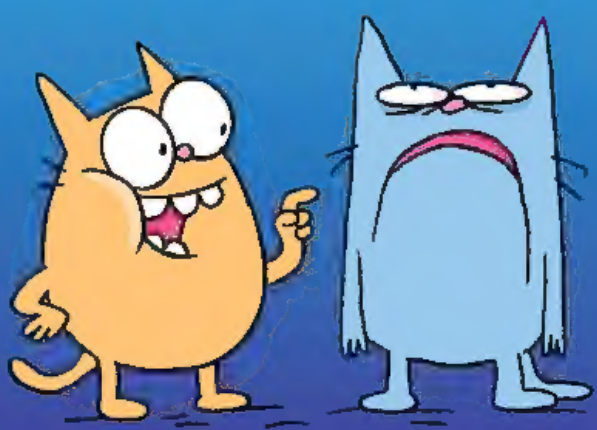

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